

are uncertain. Family tradition says that Ruth Welborn, 58, born in S.C., and wife of William(s) Duckworth, in Jones County in 1850, was a sister of Aaron Welborn. The persistence of the given names, Younger and Savilla, among these families suggests a common origin. According to family tradition, the Welborns were related to Col. Henry Washington Younger of Missouri and his sons, Thomas Coleman "Cole", Robert, John, and James Younger, who were of some note on the middle frontier at the time of the Civil War and afterwards.

The parentage of Aaron Welborn of Jones County is not altogether certain at the present time. A conjecture is that he was a son of either James or Aaron Welborn, who married the sisters, Rebecca and Betsy Younger, respectively, and lived in the old Pendleton District of South Carolina. A purported list of the children of James Welborn (born Aug. 17, 1764) and his wife Rebecca Younger Welborn (April 28, 1767-Dec. 5, 1833) was taken from an old song book, dated 1825 (letter to Dr. Mell B. Welborn, Evansville, Indiana, from Mrs. Lucille Wood, Miami, Florida, July 29, 1956; copies in possession of Mrs. Warner Beard, Jr., Laurel, Mississippi, and Malcolm B. Gardner, Tupelo, Mississippi). When, where, and by whom this copy was made and present ownership and location of the old song book are not indicated.

This family record, as copied from the song book, gives August 17, 1764, as date of birth of James Welborn, Sr. His wife Rebecca was born April 28, 1767, and died December 5, 1833. Their children (with no Ruth Welborn named) are listed as:

1. Ezabel (or Isabel) Welborn, b. Oct. 15, 1787.
2. Moses Welborn, b. March 14, 1789.
3. Susannah Welborn, b. June 19, 1791.

4. Aaron Welborn, b. Oct. 3, 1793.
5. Thomas Welborn, b. Nov. 23, 1795; d. Jan. 23, 1797.
6. William Welborn, b. Dec. 20, 1797.
7. Thomas Welborn, b. Jan. 9, 1801.
8. James Welborn, Jr., b. Oct. 9, 1804.
9. Chapley Welborn, b. Sept. 28, 1807
10. Carter T. Welborn, b. Nov. 29, 1809.

In the above list of James and Rebecca Welborn's children, Aaron's birthdate is October 3, 1793. This fits the age of 56, recorded for Aaron Welborn by the census taker in Jones County. The census data were required to be tabulated as of June 1, 1850. However, there is a discrepancy of two years between the above sources of information and the ages given by Aaron Welborn in two applications in Jones County for bounty lands -- "aged 55 years" on March 5, 1851, and 59 on April 23, 1855 (bounty land records, U. S. National Archives, Washington).

Additional family information is available from the bounty land and pension records in the National Archives, Washington. On March 5, 1851, Aaron Welborn appears before Benjamin C. Duckworth, J.P., and makes a declaration that he is "aged 55 years, a resident of Jones County . . . Mississippi . . ., the identical Aaron Welborn who was a Sergeant" in Capt. Jacob Reed's company, Col. William Austin's regiment, South Carolina militia, in the War of 1812. He enlisted "as a substitute (for David Berry who was drafted) at Virenes Pendleton Dist S. C.", serving between January 1 and April 1, 1815, "and was honorably discharged at Orrville Pendleton Dist S C".

As widow of a soldier in the War of 1812 Lucy Welborn was entitled to a pension. She made such application before T. C. Bryant, J.P., April 3,

1878, and was then 81 years old and a resident of Erata, Jones County. She states that her husband Aaron Welborn "Volunteered . . . at the Sisters Ferry . . . A. D. 1813 [sic], as a Non-Commissioned officer" and served three months; that "she was married under the name of Lucy Stephenson to said Aaron Welborn . . ., 1814, by Henry Cobb Esq., at Pendleton Dist. S. C."; and that "her said husband died at Ashley Co. Ark., on the 15th day of September, 1858". Lucy Welborn was blind in her old age; she signs the declaration with her mark, which is witnessed by V. A. Collins and Allen Valentine (military pension records, National Archives, Washington).

Family tradition says that Aaron Welborn died of yellow fever while on a visit to his Duckworth relatives in southeast Arkansas. He is buried in the old Duckworth family graveyard in Mill Creek Township in Ashley County. Here also are buried among others, Williams and Ruth (Welborn) Duckworth; William Y. Duckworth and his two wives, Civilla Welborn and Virginia Welborn (daughters of Aaron Welborn); and a "Harrison Welborn, 1840-1858", said to be Aaron's son. However, the name of Harrison Welborn does not appear in the 1850 census returns for Jones County.

After her husband's death Lucy Welborn continued to live in Jones County. In 1860 she is named in the household of her son, J. C. C. Welborn, and in 1870 with her daughter Matilda, widow of William Lyon. The 1860 Census, like that of 1850, gives her birthplace as North Carolina, while it is listed as South Carolina in 1870. Lucy Welborn's name does not appear in the 1880 Jones County Census. We may assume that she died between April 3, 1878, when she applied for a pension, and the taking of the census in the summer of 1880. She was buried on the old Welborn place near Mico (now Shady Grove) in Jones County. One family tradition spells her maiden name as Stevenson and says she was a cousin of the Adlai E. Stevenson (1835-1914)

who was Vice-President of the United States under Grover Cleveland.

From Bible records, cemetery inscriptions, census returns, and family recollections, we can set forth a fairly complete tabulation of the children and grandchildren of Aaron and Lucy (Stephenson) Welborn of Jones County, Mississippi:

- I. James Lawrence Welborn, born June 16, 1823; died Dec. 18, 1905; m. Oct. 5, 1845, Tobitha Welch (April 1, 1826-Sept. 3, 1899); served as a lieutenant in the Confederate Army. The children of Lawrence and Tobitha (Welch) Welborn, all born at Mico, Jones County, were:
 - A. Pendleton Clay Welborn, b. Sept. 16, 1846; d. Nov. 9 1914; m. Sept. -, 1865, Sarah Jane Allen.
 - B. Isabel Jane "Idd" Welborn, b. March 12, 1848; d. June 14, 1914; m. I. T. Garner.
 - C. Celita Christobel Welborn, b. Oct. 11, 1849; d. May 26, 1929; m. George Dickerson.
 - D. Millard Fillmore Welborn, b. Sept. 6, 1851; d. June 17, 1937; m. 1871, Betty Emily Dickerson.
 - E. Everett Webster "Shug" Welborn, b. Aug. 30, 1853; d. Nov. 13, 1912; m. Mrs. Alice Allen Herrington.
 - F. Harrison Hillyer Welborn, b. Jan. 14, 1856; d. Oct. 8, 1895; m. Oct. 16, 1881, Nancy Jane Buckley in Jasper County.
 - G. Indiana Vermelle Welborn, b. May 29, 1858; d. July 4, 1942; m. Oct. 22, 1876, Madison Moss.
 - H. Edward Bell Welborn, b. Aug. 29, 1860; d. Dec. 24, 1934; m. 1. Emma Roberts, and 2. Nan - - - .
 - I. Wayne Calhoun Welborn, b. Feb. 14, 1863; d. Oct. 27, 1954; m. Adele "Dell" Wakefield.
 - J. Norville Pike Welborn, b. April 11, 1865; d. Oct. 31, 1942; m. Viola Currie.
 - K. Margaret Elizabeth Idelle Welborn, b. May 13, 1867; d. April 24, 1960; m. March 17, 1889, Cato Currie.
 - L. Matilda Roselle Welborn, b. April 1, 1872; d. April 25, 1961; m. John Hardy.
 - M. Ira Clinton Welborn, b. Feb. 13, 1874; d. July 13, 1956; m. Margaret "Tysie" Kilburn.

II. Franklin M. Welborn, b. about 1826; d. in Confederate military service; m. Lizzie - - - . On December 23, 1861, F. M. Welborn, "Co. C, 8th Regt Miss Volunteer", wrote from Camp Burt, Florida, to his brother, "Mr Jefferson G. Welborn, Brata, Jones County, Mississippi". Mentioned are their brothers, Lawrence and Calhoun Welborn (letter in the possession of Mrs. Warner Beard, Jr., of Laurel, Mississippi).

III. Civilla (or Savilla) Jane Welborn, b. April 13, 1827; d. April 14, 1858; m. April 15, 1847, William Younger Duckworth (Dec. 5, 1825-Jan. 29, 1889), son of William(s) and Ruth (Welborn) Duckworth. They were living in Smith County, Mississippi, in 1850 and moved in the winter of 1850-51 to Ashley County, Arkansas, where both are buried in the old Duckworth family cemetery. Of their six children, the two older were born in Mississippi and the others in Arkansas:

A. Thomas Gaines Duckworth, b. Jan. 28, 1848; d. Nov. 3, 1918, in Ashley County; m. Jan. 15, 1871, Estelle Adams (Jan. 13, 1854-Jan. 28, 1930), daughter of William F. and Susan Ann (Clements) Adams.

B. Edward C. Duckworth, b. April 18, 1849; d. July 25, 1860.

C. William Jefferson "Jeff" Duckworth, b. March 17, 1851; d. Feb. 16, 1927, at Acton, Hood County, Texas; m. June 29, 1869, in Ashley County, Virginia Arkansas "Arka" Gibbs (Aug. 18, 1855-Feb. 16, 1918); moved to Johnson County, Texas, in 1871.

D. Lucinda J. Duckworth, b. May 21, 1853; d. June 3, 1853.

E. Viola V. Duckworth, b. June 27, 1854; d. July 18, 1860.

F. Franklin Robert Welborn "Judge" Duckworth, b. Oct. 20, 1856 (Oct. 25, 1855, in McGuire-Duckworth Bible); d. April 4, 1933, in Ashley County; m. Sept. 8, 1881, Mary Ellen McGuire (b. March 25, 1866), daughter of Michael McGuire.

IV. Jefferson Gaines Welborn, b. Nov. 18, 1829; d. May 17, 1901; m. in Jones County, Margaret Jane "Peggy" Walters (Nov. 11, 1839-July 16, 1909), daughter of George and Sarah "Sallie" (Collins) Walters; served as Captain, Co. A, 7th Mississippi Battalion, CSA. The children of Jeff and Peggy Welborn, all born in Jones County, were:

A. Cevilla Jane Welborn, b. Oct. 23, 1856; d. July 9, 1941; m. 1. A. B. Kemp, and 2. W. C. Veach.

B. William Aaron Lake Welborn, b. April 26, 1856; d. Oct. 25, 1862.

C. Sarah Margaret Welborn, b. Nov. 24, 1861; d. Jan. 21, 1862.

- D. Malena Dell Welborn, b. May 5, 1863; d. Oct. 20, 1866.
- E. Jefferson Lee "Bob" Welborn, b. May 12, 1866; d. 1940; m. Dec. 21, 1892, Lurline Watson.
- F. Henrietta Virginia "Retta" Welborn, b. June 17, 1868; d. July - , 1951; m. Feb. 4, 1886, Buford E. Devall, son of Edmund and Mary Jane (Welborn) Devall.
- G. Anne Lillian Welborn, b. Aug. 29, 1871; d. Sept. 14, 1954; m. Jan. 1, 1890, John Christian Austin.
- H. Vincent Collins Welborn, b. Jan. 28, 1874; d. July 28, 1880.
- I. Celeste Vivian Welborn, b. Sept. 22, 1876; d. Nov. 11, 1952; m. Sept. 28, 1901, Loren R. Collins.
- J. Dorothy Winifred Welborn, b. Feb. 1, 1879; m. Thomas Ferguson.
- K. George Welborn, b. May 22, 1881; m. Hipolita Rodrigues.
- V. Dewitt Clinton Welborn, b. about 1831; m. Martha Welborn; went to Texas.
- VI. John Caldwell Calhoun Welborn, b. about 1833; served as Lieutenant, 7th Miss. Infantry Battalion, CSA; killed 1863 in the Siege of Vicksburg; m., as her first husband, Susan(na) Mayfield (b. Feb. 28, 1843), daughter of John and Anna (Duckworth) Mayfield of Smith County. J.C.C. and Susan Welborn were living in Jones in 1860; their children:
 - A. Caldwell Calhoun "Callie" Welborn, b. Feb. 29, 1861 (sic, probably a misreading of "2d" or "20" Feb.; no child in J.C.C. and Susan Welborn's household in 1860); d. Oct. 1933; m. John Ellzey (d. 1937).
 - B. John Welborn, b. 1863; d. young.
- VII. Matilda A. Welborn, b. Aug. 27, 1835; d. Jan. 28, 1900; m. William Augustus Lyon (d. July 1863 in Confederate military service at Vicksburg); their children:
 - A. Thomas Jefferson Lyon, b. April 24, 1852; d. Dec. 4, 1938; m. Dec. 21, 1871, Theodocia M. Collins.
 - B. Lucy C. Lyon, b. about 1855; d. young.
 - C. Lazarus W. Lyon, b. about 1857; d. young.
 - D. Cicero E. Lyon, b. July 7, 1859; d. Jan. 5, 1901; m. Elminia "Miney" Tate.
 - E. Nancy Virginia Lyon, b. April -, 1861; d. July -, 1937; m. Rozier Bush.

- VIII. Nancy Virginia Welborn, b. Jan. 8, 1839; d. Feb. 6, 1883; m. Nov. 21, 1858, as his second wife, William Y. Duckworth (1825-1889) of Ashley County, Arkansas, son of William and Ruth (Welborn) Duckworth. The children of William Y. and Virginia Duckworth, all born in Ashley County, were:
- A. A. E. L. "Allie" Duckworth, b. March 18, 1860; d. Sept. 11, 1862.
 - B. William Alfred N. "Will" Duckworth, b. Feb. 22, 1862; d. Jan. 14, 1918, in Ashley County; m. Belle Andoe (July 7, 1868-Feb. 27, 1905). Both are buried in Egypt Cemetery in Ashley County.
 - C. Edward Caldwell Calhoun "Edd" Duckworth, b. Nov. 4, 1864; d. March 31, 1949, in Ashley County; m. Mrs. Carrie (Purdue) Sawyer (b. Oct. 12, 1886) in 1931; no children.
 - D. Joshua Younger Welborn "Jap" Duckworth, b. Feb. 12, 1868; m. Mrs. Loda (Kilpatrick) Chandler; lived in Louisiana and Texas; d. about 1943 in Houston, Texas.
 - E. Moses Albert "Dutch" Duckworth, b. Dec. 30, 1870; d. Feb. 8, 1889.
 - F. Virginia Welborn "Jennie" Duckworth, b. Jan. 21, 1875; d. April 12, 1947; m. William Jackson "Jack" Tumblison (ca. 1874-March 2, 1961), son of John A. and Nancy J. (Knight) Tumblison; no children.
- IX. Harrison Welborn, 1840-1858. He is buried in the old Duckworth family cemetery in Ashley County by the side of Aaron Welborn. "Judge" Duckworth and Jennie (Duckworth) Tumblison said he was Aaron's son, but his name is not in Aaron's family in the 1850 Census; the present-day Welborns of Jones County have no recollection of his name.
- X. Cicero Welborn is named in Aaron Welborn's household in the 1850 Census of Jones County, and then 7 years old, but family tradition does not recall him; his connection with the family is uncertain.

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Note: This account would not have been possible without the considerable information provided by Mrs. Warner Beard, Jr. (nee Lillian Austin), Laurel, Mississippi, and Mr. Jack D. Hunnicutt, formerly of New Orleans, now of Tallahassee, Florida. The present tabulation is limited to Aaron Welborn's grandchildren, insofar as known to this compiler. Interested relatives may wish to prepare subsidiary records or accounts of their immediate families. Corrections and additional information will be welcomed.

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**SOME WELBORN FAMILY CONNECTIONS:
MISSISSIPPI CENSUS RETURNS, 1850 AND LATER**

"I do not wish to question your conclusions . . . but due to the Younger being in several of the names closely allied with your Aaron in age and residence I think it . . . probable that he is a descendant of the Aaron Welborn, b. 1756, who married Elizabeth Younger, b. 1763. They were still residing in Anderson County, S. C., in 1830. At this time, 1830, Isaac Welborn, Sr., was a resident of Madison County, Alabama; his son Isaac, Jr., was also resident there. The former was between 70 and 80 and the latter was between 20 and 30 . . . here is the census record of your immediate Aaron:

"Miss. Census of 1850, Jones County, page 123, family #117

Aaron Welborn	age 56	Farmer	Born S. C.
Lucy	53		N. C.
Jefferson	20		Miss.
Dewitt C.	19		"
John C.	17		"
Matilda	15		"
Virginia	11		"
Cicero	7		"

"In addition the following were without doubt children of this Aaron, who had already reached maturity and established homes of their own; this statement is made since they stated they were born in Mississippi, and Aaron was the only Welborn in Mississippi in Jones County prior to 1830.

"Miss. Census of 1850, Jones County, page 125, family #116

Franklin Welborn	23	Farmer	Born Miss.
(apparently single at this time)			

"Same census, page 124, family #127,

James L. Welborn	26	Farmer	Born Miss.
Tabitha	24		"
Pendleton	4		"
Isabel	2		"
Selita	1		"

"Same census, page 123, family #116,

Elizabeth Welborn	26	(head of family)	Born Miss.
Quintus	6/12		"

"Elizabeth would appear to be the widow of a son of Aaron. Local records may give some clue of Quintus if he lived to maturity.

"Miss. Census of 1850, Jasper County, page 66, family #493,

Younger Welborn	25	Farmer	Born Miss.
Elizabeth	18		"

"Younger was probably a son of Aaron . . . The fact that he was born in Miss. indicates that he has to be a son of Aaron.

"The following Welborns appear in the 1850 census of Jones County, and from the place of birth of their children you can see at about what time they moved from South Carolina to Jones County . . .

"Page 126, family #146,

Joel B. Welborn	40	Farmer	Born S. C.
Martha	37		"
Thomas J.	16		"
Moses	14		"
Martha	12		"
Susan	10		"
Mary	7		Miss.
Nancy	4		"
Sevilla	2		"
Nolley Barrett	7 (boy with this fam.)		"

"Page 125, family #113,

William Welborn	50	Farmer	Born S. C.
Sarah	50		"
Elizabeth	21		"
Needham	19		"
Williams	17		"
Mary	15		"
Sarah	8		Miss.

"Page 124, family #125,

Younger Welborn	45	Farmer	Born S. C.
Elizabeth	43		"
William	20		"
Thomas N.	18		"
Kiziah C. (female)	13		Miss.
Elizabeth	11		"
Sevilla	8		"
Tolbert	6		" "

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Note: The information in the foregoing two pages is abstracted from a letter to Mrs. Warner A. Beard, Jr. (nee Lillian Austin), Laurel, Mississippi, from Mr. J. D. Hunnicutt, New Orleans, dated 7 October 1956. Mrs. Beard is a granddaughter of Jefferson Gaines Welborn and great-granddaughter of Aaron Welborn, both of Jones County.

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(JONES COUNTY, MISS.; 1850, continued)

Page 121, Family 92				
Williams Duckworth	64	M	Farmer	N. C.
Ruth (Welborn)	58	F		S. C.
Joshua	16	M		Miss.
Moses	14	M		"
Nancy	12	F		"
Simeon Yelverton (or Yelvington)	23	M	School Teacher	N. C.

Family tradition, among the Duckworths, says that Ruth (Welborn) Duckworth was a sister of Aaron Welborn of Jones County, but this is uncertain. This family moved to Ashley County, Ark., in the winter of 1850-51. Joshua W. Duckworth married Arkansas Brown in Ashley County; served as sergeant in Bell's 1st Arkansas Infantry, CSA; was paroled May 19, 1865, Jackson, Miss.; and went to Texas about 1870. Moses A. Duckworth was a lawyer and married Martha A. "Mattie" Jones in Ashley County; a lieutenant in Dunlap's 9th Arkansas Infantry, CSA, he was killed April 6, 1862 in the Battle of Shiloh. Nancy Duckworth became the second wife of Thomas Knight of Ashley County.

SMITH COUNTY, CENSUS OF 1850

Page 357, Family 434				
William Duckworth	25	M	Farmer	Miss.
Savilla (Welborn)	23	F		"
Thomas	2	M		"
Edward	1	M		"

Civilla Jane (Welborn) Duckworth (1827-58), first wife of William Younger Duckworth (1825-89), was a daughter of Aaron and Lucy (Stephenson) Welborn of Jones County. W. Y. Duckworth was a son of William(s) and Ruth (Welborn) Duckworth of Covington and Jones Counties, Miss. With his parents and other relatives, W. Y. Duckworth settled in Ashley County, Ark., in 1851. He was a private in the 1st Arkansas Mounted Rifles, CSA, a prisoner of war, and then County Judge of Ashley County during Reconstruction.

ITAWAMBA COUNTY, CENSUS OF 1850

Page 757, Family 20 (7th District)				
James R Wilbourne	51	M	Carpenter	S. C.
Susannah	51	F		Va.
Sarah	20	F		Tenn.
Agnes	15	F		Ala.

In the family of Jesse and Ann Woodfin (page 730, No. 875) is listed:

Robert F Welborne	8	M		Miss.
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(ITAWAMBA COUNTY, 1850, continued)

Page 325, Family 314

Martha Welborn	37	F		Ga.
Eliza Jane	17	F		Ala.
Susan C	16	F		"
John J	13	M		"
Albert W	11	M		Miss.
Martha A (or H)	9	F		"
Richard O (A?)	6	M		"
Ellen O (E?)	4	F		"

Page 731, Family 870

William S (?) Welborn	57	M	Farmer	Va.
Mary E	39	F		S. C.
Claiborn B	17	M		Tenn.
John	16	M		Ala.
George	13	M		Miss.
Powhattin	5	M		"
Egbert Bill	1	M		"
Sarah Ann	1	F		"

Page 231, Family ?

Joseph Welborn (?)	23	M	Farmer	S. C.
Sarah (?)	39	F		Ga.
(illegible)	19	M	Farmer	Ala.
" E	18	F		"
" G	24 (?)	M		"
George	17	M		Miss.
(illegible)	12	M		"
"	8	M		"
Mary (?)	5	F		"
(illegible) M	3	F		"

Page 670, Family ?

James Welborn (?)	55	M		S. C.
Jane	69	F		"
Thomas (?)	30 (?)	M		"
Nancy	23	F		Ala.
Elizabeth	21	F		"
William	20	M		"

In this household are seven additional illegible names, the last born in Mississippi. In both the 1850 and 1860 census returns for Itawamba County, the writing appears faded and dim and the microfilming of the originals is unskillfully done, with many pages out of focus. The 1850 returns are worse than those for 1860. Probably, only someone familiar in detail with northeast Mississippi names and families would have any success in accurately deciphering this material.

ITAWAMBA COUNTY, CENSUS OF 1860

Page 219, Family 3

Mary E. Wilborne	48	F	Farmer	S. C.
Claiborne B	26	M	Farm Laborer	Tenn.
Robert F	18	M	"	Miss.
Powhattan A	15	M		"
Egbert B	12	M		"
Sarah M	10	F		"

Page 344, Family 23

E E Welborn	33	M	Cabinet Maker	Tenn.
Theresa	19	F		Ga.
Thomas U (or V)	6	M		Miss.
James S	4	M		"
Mary J	2	F		"
G N	7/12	F		"

JONES COUNTY, CENSUS OF 1860

Page 684, Family 160

Thos. G. Welborn	29	M	Farmer	S. C.
Martha	19	F		"
Lazarus	1	M		Miss.

Page 691, Family 212

Martin Wilburn				
(or Martin W. Owen)	50	M		S. C.
S E	40	F		Ga.
Enaline A	19	F		Miss.
M R	6	F		"
A - - - (?) W	4	M		"
Da - - (?)	1	F		"

Page 699, Family 268

Younger Welborn	36	M	Farmer	S. C.
Sarah E	27	F		Miss.
Artus	7	M		"
Calhoun	4	M		"
Labitha M	2	F		"
Martha Dikes	62	F		S. C.
Cintha	16	F		Miss.

Page 699, Family 270

J. C. C. Welborn	27	M	Farmer	Miss.
Susan (Mayfield)	17	F		"
Lucy (Stephenson)	62	F		N. C.

John Caldwell Calhoun Welborn was a lieutenant in the Confederate Army and died in military service. Lucy (Stephenson) Welborn was his mother and the widow of Aaron Welborn of Jones County.

(JONES COUNTY, 1860, continued)

Page 705, Family 297

W. A. Lyon	31	M	Farmer	S. C.
M. A. (Welborn)	23	F		Miss.
Thos. J.	7	M		"
Lucy C	5	F		"
Lazarus W	3	M		"
Cicaroo C	1	M		"

William Augustus Lyon died in Confederate military service. Two of the children, Lucy and Lazarus, are said to have died young; they are not named in Matilda (Welborn) Lyon's household in the 1870 Census.

Page 705, Family 298

J. G. Welborne	29	M	Farmer	Miss.
M. J. (Walters)	21	F		"
C. J.	4	F		"
W. A. L.	1	F		"

Jefferson Gaines Welborn was a captain in the 7th Mississippi Battalion, CSA. He was a son of Aaron Welborn of Jones County.

Page 708, Family 299

J. L. Welborn	37	M		Miss.
Isabella (Tabitha Welch)	34	F		"
P C	14	M		"
Isabella Jr	12	F		"
Celeta	11	F		"
M F	9	M		"
E W	7	M		"
Harrison H	4	M		"
(illegible)	2	F		"

James Lawrence Welborn was a lieutenant in the Confederate Army.

Page 711, Family 345

E. C. Welborn	29	M	Farmer	S. C.
Margarett P	21	F		"
Charles K	2	M		"

In the household of J. A. Smith (No. 441, p. 725) is named:

F. M. Welborn	35	M	School Teacher	Miss.
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On Jan. 4, 1856, and on Aug. 23, 1859, F. M. Welborn and wife Elizabeth join in conveyances of lands and slaves (Jones County Records, Books B, p. 318, and C, p. 356). The maiden name of the wife is unknown, and her whereabouts in 1860 are uncertain. Franklin M. Welborn died in military service. Mrs. Warner Beard, Jr., Laurel, Miss., has a copy of a letter from him at Camp Burt, Florida, in December 1861 to his brother, Jefferson G. Welborn. Named in the letter are their brothers, Lawrence and Calhoun Welborn.

(JONES COUNTY, 1860, continued)

Page 715, Family 366

A G Welborn	47	M	Farmer	S. C.
Nancy	44	F		"
Mary D (or O)	46	F		"
Susan	14	F		"
Ruthy	12	F		"
Lucinda	8	F		"
Constine	4	F		"
W H Overstreet	25	M	Farm Laborer	Miss.
Julia	19	F		S. C.

Page 729, Family 468

J. E. Welborne	50	M	Trader	S. C.
Martha (Bowen)	47	F		"
Thos. J.	26	M	Farmer	"
Moses B	24	M	Medical Student	"
Nancy	14	F		Miss.
Savilla	12	F		"
Wm P	10	M		"
Julia	8	F		"
Saml. M Pigg (or Pegg)	18	M	Dry Goods Clerk	S. C.
E M Devall	31	M	Farmer	"
M J (Welborn)	17	F		Miss.

Joel E. Welborn is said to have been a son of Moses and Sarah (Holbert) Welborn and grandson of James and Rebecca (Younger) Welborn, all of the old Pendleton District (later Anderson County), S. C. An obituary in an old newspaper clipping, date and name of paper unknown, reads in part: "Hon. J. E. Welborn breathed his last about 1:10 o'clock Thursday morning. Col. Welborn was born in South Carolina and was in his 86th year. He located in Jones County, Miss., in 1842, . . . He was a lawyer . . . When the war between the States broke out he . . . organized the 10th Mississippi battalion, . . . When the war closed Col. Welborn moved to Shubuta [in Clarke County] . . . His remains were buried Thursday evening in the Rowell graveyard south of Shubuta" (photostat in possession of Mrs. Warner Beard, Jr., Laurel, Miss.). Mary Jane, daughter of Joel Welborn, married Edmund Devall.

Page 730, Family 482

D C Welborn	28	M	Lawyer	Miss.
Martha (Welborn)	23	F		S. C.
Octavius	5	M		Miss.
Octavia O	3	F		"
John	1	M		"
Edward Campian	25	M	Merchant	Ireland
F M. Dasset	25	M	Farm Laborer	Miss.

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Rachel D Walters (or Welborn)	45	F		S. C.
John	24	M		Miss.
Joel S	20	M		"
James A	19	M		"
Thos A	17	M		"

JONES COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI, CENSUS OF 1870

Family 23						
Welborn	William	38	M	Farmer		S. C.
	Sarah	35	F			Miss.
	William	2	M			"
Family 24						
Welbon	Aaron Q (?? or J)	40	M			S. C.
	Lewanza	30	F			Miss.
	Mary E	15	F			"
	Sarah	12	F			"
	Woodard	10	M			"
	Duncan	7	M			"
	Alafair	2	M			"
	Tolbert	17	M			"
	Joel	16	M			"
	Mangum	11	M			"
	John	6	M			"
Family 29						
Welborne	Jefferson G	40	M			Miss.
	Margaret J (Walters)	32	F			"
	Savilla J	13	F			"
	Jefferson L	4	M			"
	Henrietta V	2	F			"
Family 32						
Welborn	James L	47	M			Miss.
	Tabitha (Welch)	44	F			"
	Christabell	20	F			"
	Millard F	19	M			"
	Everet W	17	M			"
	Harrison H	14	M			"
	Vermel	12	F			"
	Edward B	10	M			"
	Wayne C	7	M			"
	Norvel P	5	M			"
	Margaret E J	3	F			"
Family 33						
Lyon	Matilda (Welborn)	34	F	Farmer		Miss.
	Thomas	16	M			"
	Cicero	11	M			"
	Nancy	9	F			"
Welborn	Lucy (Stephenson)	72 (or 73)	F			S. C.
Craft	Alsy	28	F			"

Lucy (Stephenson) Welborn is the widow of Aaron Welborn (d. 1858); in the 1850 and 1860 Jones County Censuses her birthplace is given as North Carolina. She is not named in the 1880 Census of Jones County. Probably she died before that census and after her application in April 1878 for a pension as the widow of a veteran in the War of 1812.

(JONES COUNTY, MISS., 1870; continued)

Family 40					
Welborn	Thomas	35	M		Miss.
	Martha	30	F		"
	Lazarus	8	M		"
	Adna E	6	M		"
	Sherman	4	M		"
	Elisha	3	M		"
Family 84					
Welborn	William L	34	M		Miss.
	Vanah (?)	25	F		"
	James	12	M		"
	Niahala (?)	10	F		"
	William	7	M		"
	Tabitha	4	F		"
	John W	2	M		"
	William	60 (or 66)	M		S. C.
Family 85					
Welborn	Elizabeth	43	F		Miss.
	Quintus	19	M		"
	David J	18	M		"
	Julia A	16	F		"
	Laura M	13	F		"
Family 104					
Welborn	Albert G.	57	M	Farmer	S. C.
	Dicy	52	F		Miss.
	Emily	16	F		"
	Caroline	17	F		"

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Note: To facilitate identification, some maiden surnames and other comment are added to these census returns. Some of the wives' maiden names are based on family tradition rather than on documentary proof. Microfilm prints of these census records are in the Mississippi Department of Archives and History, Jackson. Some of the returns are almost illegible. Serious credence should be given this typescript copy only after thorough checking of the old records by someone familiar in detail with Welborn names, dates, places, and relationships.

NEPG & MEG
March 1964

WELBORN MISCELLANY

Supt of Public Schools,
Ellisville Miss.

Los Angeles, 3/21/35

Dear Sir:- I am endeavoring to trace the age of an elderly lady who is much needful of Old Age Pension, and it requires a legal verification of her age in schools, thinks she cannot find record of birth in her own County and I doubt if she knows what County.

The family moved away from Ellisville in 1879 to Texas. The Teacher in schools she thinks was Jno Bynum.

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Melvener Leona Welborn. Born 6/4/71

(Moses Bowen Welborn b Jones Co Miss 1835

Daughter of) He was Doctor & Co Sheriff at Ellisville-

(

) Melvener Letitia Pool. 1845.-

Her father was Joseph Pool a State Rep. from Miss.

Thanking you for any assistance whatever for anything will be more than appreciated.

Yours,

Miss M Lemley 803 So. Grandview
for Mrs Melvina Henderson.

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Fred Bynum, Ellisville, Miss., to Miss M. Lemley, Los Angeles; 4/5/35:

"I went over some of the old records at the Chancery Clerks office . . . M. B. Welborn, Mrs. Henderson's father, was sheriff in Jones County in 1878 & 1879 . . . I found on record a deed signed . . . in March 1878 . . . by M. B. Welborn, sheriff. . . Mr. Welborn did not quite finish his term of office, . . . moved to Texas . . ."

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L. L. Welborn, Charleston, S. C., to C. R. Welborn, Chicago, Ill.; 3/11/47:

"I know very little about our family back of grandfather . . . who was Thomas Pinckney Welborn. His father as I remember was named Gideon Welborn. My grandfather was borned in Georgia - . . . He joined the confederate army at an early age. When the war was over he married a Miss Frances Barker, a North Carolina girl, and moved into the hill country of North east Alabama. My father was borned there on 6 September 1870. He died 26 of May 1945. Grandfather was a country doctor. He had 4 brothers. Lockie Welborn, Wood (or Woodbury) Welborn, Elisha and Jim. . . My father 2 brothers - William G. Welborn and Tommie (Tommie died in early life). Uncle Billie has been dead for many years. . . I was born 11 April 1892."

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Curtis Robert Welborn, Chicago, Ill., to L. L. Welborn, Charleston, S. C., 3/14/47:

"I was born January 10, 1894. . . in Ellisville, Mississippi of parents J. L. Welborn and Lurlene Watson Welborn, both deceased, . . . My father, J. L. Welborn, was born April 12, 1866, and died July 20, 1940. J. G. Welborn was his father, born in 1829, and died May 17, 1901 . . . I have a recollection of only one brother of J. G. Welborn, who was J. L. Welborn, and . . . their father was named Aaron Welborn. . . I came to Chicago . . . June 1, 1920, just after graduation from Mississippi A. & M."

IN REPLY REFER TO

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3-1865
Rev. and 1812 Wars Section

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
BUREAU OF PENSIONS
WASHINGTON

December 20, 1923.

M. E. Gardner,
Montrose, Ark.

Sir;

I have to advise you that from the papers in the War of 1812 pension claim, Widow Certificate No. 14294, it appears that Aaron Welborn enlisted at The Sisters Ferry and served as sergeant in Captain J. Reed's Company, South Carolina Militia, from February 1, 1815 to March 24, 1815.

Soldier married in Pendleton District, South Carolina in 1814, Lucy Stephenson, he died in Ashley County, Arkansas September 15, 1858 and she was allowed pension on her application executed April 3, 1878 while a resident of Jones County, Mississippi, aged eighty one years.

There is no further family data on file.

Respectfully,

Hays Haymaker

Acting Commissioner.

NOTES ON THE YOUNGER FAMILY

"In a letter written to my sister Roberta Mar. 9, 1938 by Miss Ida B. Younger (510 Law Bld'g, Lynchburg, Va.) she says Miss Pearl Fielding of Shelby, Idaho, traces her line back to Alexander Younger, date & place of birth not known.

"The above Alexander Younger had at least one son, James Younger who married Ann Nash, resided in Chatham, N. C. and had the following six children

- (1) Thomas Younger b. Mar. 10, 1761 in Edinburgh, Scotland - m. Mary Nolls, and had 11 children
- (2) Ann Younger, b. about 1768 in Chatham, N. C., married James Evans.
- (3) Rebecca Younger, b. about 1770 same place, married James Welborn
- (4) Betsy Younger, b. about 1772, same place and married Aaron Welborn
- (5) John Younger b. about 1775 same place, m. Rebecca McCaslin.
- (6) Mary Younger b. about 1778, same place married Billy Green

"She lists as sources of information her family record, that of W. D. Younger, Columbia, Tenn., War Department, Washington, D. C., and Missouri History-Biography."

Note: The above is quoted from a letter of Miss Ann W. Wakefield, of Washington, D. C., dated March 5, 1959. Mr. J. D. Hunnicutt of New Orleans has information giving the dates of birth of Elizabeth Younger as November 5, 1763, and of her husband, Aaron Welborn, as November 3, 1756.

MEG: 1959.

NOTES ON THE YOUNGER FAMILY

A Thomas Younger of Scotland is credited with a son Alexander, among whose children were three sons: James (m. Ann Nash), Lewis (credited with 12 sons, unnamed), and Joshua (said to have married 1. Mary Lee, and 2. Catherine Yates). Dates and places are uncertain; whether they first settled in Virginia or one of the Carolinas seems unknown.

In Virginia are two Younger wills which, after assembly and collation of facts, not hearsay, may throw light on the migrations and relationships of the Youngers. Alexander Younger's will of 11 Aug. 1725, proved 18 July 1727, names wife Rebecca; sons Thomas, John, and James; daughters Elizabeth, Ann, Mary, Jannett, and Susanna; and brother Andrew in Scotland (Essex Co., Va., Will Book 4, p. 222). Thomas Younger's will of 2 May 1789, proved 24 Oct. 1791, gives no wife; sons Samuel, James, Joseph, Thomas, Jesse, and William; daughters Elizabeth Legrand, Mary Fretwell, Nancy Smallman, Katey Brown, Susanna, Dolly, Lucy, Rebecca, and Rachel; among the witnesses are Maifer(?) and John Younger (Halifax Co., Va., Will Book 2, pp. 474-76).

Dates and places of birth and marriage of James, son of Alexander Younger, are not known. In 1753 James and wife Ann moved from the Welch Neck settlement in the Peedee country of S. C. to the headwaters of Abbotts Creek in then Rowan County, N. C. (now Davidson), where he was a member of the Primitive Baptist congregation. He moved to Chatham County in 1783. Accounts vary as to the names of James and Ann (Nash) Younger's children, ranging in number from 7 to 15:

I. Anna, b. ca 1746; d. 7 Jan. 1843, buried in Abbotts Creek Cemetery;
m. James Evans who bought land there in 1766.

II. Thomas, b. 10 March 1761, or 1762; presumably died in Tennessee or Missouri; m. a daughter of John and Mary (Glass) Nall, Mary "Polly" Nalls (25 Dec. 1768- Feb. 1864, buried in Younger Cemetery, Cedar County, just outside Stockton, Mo., along with son James and his wife Rachel and a Thomas Younger, 5 April 1798-5 Nov. 1878, relationships uncertain). Paul Manley states that Thomas and Mary Younger had 13 children in Chatham Co., N. C., and then moved to Williamson County, Tenn., where William David, their youngest, was born. Names are provided for 13 children:

1. Alexander, b. 20 Dec. 1786, or 1787 (according to Jas. F. Hutchins, 10622 Lathrop Drive, Dallas, Tex., who has the family Bible); m. Celia Cannon (Hunnicuttt's notes) or Jane Hancock (Hutchins' notes).
2. Robert, b. ca 1789.
3. Nancy, b. ca 1790.
4. Mary, b. 11 March 1792; d. 1877; m. in Williamson County, Tenn., 18 Jan. 1817 John Mayberry (ca 1792-3 Dec. 1857).
5. James N., b. 22 April 1799, or ca 1794; d. 10 Sept. 1888, buried Stockton, Mo.; m. Rachel Murphy (28 Sept. 1805-15 Aug. 1881).

6. Samuel, b. ca 1791; d. at Fort Deposit, La.; m. Nancy Fibbs, or Gibbs.
7. Thomas, b. 5 April 1798; d. 5 Nov. 1878; m. Sarah Church (who may be the Sarah G. K. Younger, 22 Sept. 1816-22 Nov. 1877, also buried in the Stockton, Mo., Cemetery).
8. Patsy, b. 26 Feb. 1800; m. John Mayberry.
9. John, b. ca 1801; m. Lavinia Reese.
10. Joseph, b. 10 Dec. 1803; m. Susan McCurtry.
11. Hannah, b. ca 1804; m. James Evans.
12. Rebecca, m. in Chatham County, N. C., 21 April 1818 John Smith. (Query, by transcriber: Did the parents go to Tenn. before 1808, and leave this daughter behind in Chatham?)
13. William D. Younger, b. 1808 in Williamson County, Tenn.; m. 1. Mary Wakefield in June 1829, and 2. Lucenda M. Witherspoon. (A note, attributed to Wm. Younger Wood, Attorney, Box 394, Glendale, Arizona, says it was a William Randolph Younger, 12/13/1812-11/5/1864, who had 13 children in Chatham County and then a 14th in Williamson Co., Tenn.; then, one of the sons, Samuel, "d in Jackson's Army 1812". Obviously, there is some mistake here.)

III. Rebecca, b. ca 1770, or 1763; m. James Welborn, who in 1801 "was deacon at Big Creek Church Greenville S. C. . . . These were b. in Va, came here, and James & wife Rebecca went to Mo." (Note, by transcriber: In the will and probate records of St. Francois County, Mo., is the will of a James Welborn, drawn 15 July 1841 and probated 2 Aug. 1841. No wife is mentioned, and she must be presumed then dead. The property is to be divided "in nine equal parts", one share each among the heirs of son Moses and daughter Elizabeth, "the Seven remaining parts . . . between the balance of my children, to Wit, Aaron, Susanna, William Thomas, James, Chapley and Carter Tarrant".)

IV. Elizabeth, b. 5 Nov. 1763 (another source says 1772); m. Aaron Welborn, b. 3 Nov. 1756 "and James Younger Welborn, Aaron's brother, was on next plantation". (Note, by transcriber: Mrs. V. G. Gillette, Fort Worth, Tex., has in her possession partial data from an old Welborn Bible in Pickens, S. C., in which the dates for "Aaron Welborn Sr" are given as 13 Oct. 1760-6 Oct. 1843, and for "Elizabeth Younger Sr" 10 March 1762-11 July 1836.) Children of Aaron and Elizabeth (Younger) Welborn, as given by Miss Roberta Wakefield:

1. Thomas, m. - - - , daughter of Thomas and Temperance (Kemp) Martin.
2. Annie, m. Jacob Duckworth; no dates provided, but "Miss Wakefield . . . has his complete line." (Note: The DAR Patriot Index, not always reliable, gives Jacob's dates as 21 March 1755-11 Feb. 1842; a descendant in Anderson, S. C., in 1959 gave 1780 for the marriage and Annie's dates as 2 Sept. 1761-19 Feb. 1845. Something is amiss!)

V. John Younger, b. 1773; m. Rebecca McCaslin.

VI. Mary, b. 1778; m. William Green.

VII. James, m. Anna Teague.

Miss Ida B. Younger, compiler of these notes, credits the foregoing seven children for James and Ann (Nash) Younger to a chart prepared by J. D. Hunnicutt. William Younger Wood is credited for an additional list purporting to be this couple's children: 1. Alec, 2. John ("to Ky"), 3. Mary, 4. Robert, 5. Samuel, 6. James, 7. Thomas ("b. 1762 Pendleton Dist. S C . . . m. Polly Nalls"), 8. Martha, 9. Robert (sic), 10. Joseph, 11. Nancy (or Ann), 12. William, 13. Susan, 14. Rebecca, and 15. Betsy. Miss Younger comments: ". . . the information I have on this is conflicting, and it has been hard to reconcile the various dates sent me."

Mr. Wood also provided data on a James Younger (his ancestor), b. ca 1789, d. 5 May 1827, aged 38, buried in an old Younger grave yard in Spartanburg Co., S. C., at New Prospect. He m. Elizabeth Bush (ca 1796-20 Nov. 1852). Their son was William Randolph Younger, 13 Dec. 1812-5 Nov. 1864, m. ca 1842 Julia Weston Lewis Camp, and they are credited with 13 children born in N. C. and one in Tenn.: 1. Alec, 2. John ("to Ky. to buy sheep & not heard of again"), 3. Mary, 4. Samuel ("d. in Jackson's Army 1812"), 5. James, 6. Thomas, 7. Martha, 8. Robert, 9. Joseph, 10. Nancy, 11. Wm., 12. Susan, 13. Rebecca, and 14. Betsy. Apparently, there is some duplication in these lists.

Note is taken of a suggestion from Miss Roberta Wakefield: "John Welborn from Halifax Co. Va. & settled in S C had six members in his family [in 1790]. Wm Younger from Halifax Co. Va. . . Probably was father of Betsy Younger".

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Comment, by transcriber: This typescript is an abstract from 24 pages of Younger notes prepared by Miss Ida B. Younger, 3929 Boonsboro Drive, Lynchburg, Va., and she has taken note of inconsistent data. The above notes must not be regarded as a genealogy, but simply as a framework on which may be added, if and when available, documented facts from contemporary sources as to dates and places of residence, birth, marriage, and death for generations preceding the Civil War.

MEG: 3/1969

ABBOTTS CREEK PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH:
DAVIDSON COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA

It was a joyful day in 1753 when the small band of pioneers who made their homes on the headwaters of Abbotts Creek in Rowan County (now Davidson County) welcomed into their midst James Younger, the Baptist Preacher, and wife Anna, and little daughter Anna, from the Welch Neck Settlement in S. C. Preacher Younger was a man of little formal education. However, he was able to influence a host of his frontier neighbors to accept his Lord.

Though he was not able to preach himself, like Andrew he sought and found one who was abler than he. He set out at once for Sandy Creek, some thirty miles away, where he secured Elder Daniel Marshall, one of the leaders in the Sandy Creek Baptist Church to become pastor of Abbotts Creek Meeting House.

Elder Daniel Marshall was ordained and installed as pastor in 1756 by Elder Henry Ledbetter of the Lynch Creek Baptist Church in Craven County, S. C., and Elder Shubal Stearns of the Sandy Creek Baptist Church in Guilford County, N. C. After five years of service to the church, Mr. Marshall moved to Beaver Creek in South Carolina.

In these years without a regular pastor, Elder Shubal Stearns sent Elder James Billingsley to Abbotts Creek to conduct services. It was the 29th of June 1765 that Elder Billingsley purchased a tract of land from Henry Herman of Rowan County. The 160 acres was situated on the north forks of Abbotts on both sides of the wagon road.

In the trying days of the Regulator unrest in N. C., preceding the American Revolutionary War, James Billingsley was aided in his work by his good friend James Younger who remained in Abbotts Creek until the fall of 1783, when he moved over into Chatham County, N. C.

This Baptist Congregation on the cool run of Abbotts Creek constructed a log Church Building on or near the property of Elijah Teague who purchased a tract of 444 acres from Esquire William Buis of Rowan County on Jan. 19, 1756. Elijah Teague and wife Ales sold 175 acres of this tract lying on both sides of Abbotts Creek in St. Lukes Parish of Rowan County to James Evans on July 2, 1766. James Evans retained an interest in the Abbotts Creek Meeting House property until the 1st of May 1815. At this date William Raper and James Evans sold 6½ acres of land to the trustees of the Abbotts Creek Church which included the burying ground.

The present Church at Abbotts Creek is frame and erected on a rock foundation of native stone. As you enter the church and walk down the aisle, you will observe on each side of the sanctuary two quaint wood stoves to provide heat on cold days of winter. At each stove is a white wood box filled with fuel and three straight back chairs for certain members of the church appointed to keep the fires burning during the preaching service.

The most successful of the early ministers to serve this church was Elder George Whitefield Pope, who came to Abbotts Creek 1783 and remained 30 years. In the Great Revival that swept N. C. and other Southern States in 1800-1803 he baptized about 500 people into the Baptist Faith. It is said Elder Pope had a strong voice that could be heard a mile away. The last hymn that Elder Pope sang before leaving the church in 1813 was "Hark from the Tombs a Doleful Sound." It was in the days of George Pope that the church adopted this Confession of Faith: Believing the Old and New Testament to be the perfect rule of life and practice, secondly repentance from dead works, thirdly faith towards God, fourthly doctrine of baptism, fifthly laying on of hands, sixthly the preservation of saints, seventhly, resurrection of the dead, and eighthly eternal judgement.

On page 1 of the light brown leather record book of the Abbotts Creek Primitive Baptist Church, now in the possession of June Moore, the clerk of the church, this bit of information: A book of records containing the names of the members and the ministers of the procedures of the Baptist Church of Christ at Abbotts Creek, Vol. II, State of North Carolina, Rowan County, 1818. Recorded on page 2 of this ancient book is a list of the members of the church, the men being on the left side and the women on the right side of the page.

The first name to appear on the first page of this book is James Evans, and across from his is Anna Evans. Other names that are listed on the first pages of the book are Anna Swain, Elizabeth Davis, Alexander Jones, Thomas Smith, Charles Pope, Isaac Pope, William Raper, Joseph Morris, James Teague, William Davis, Ann Wright, Rachel Evans, Martha Teague, Ann Smith.

To the right of the church is the graveyard, in use for almost two centuries. A monument is in the middle of a 50-foot plot to commemorate the unknown dead that are buried in the oldest section of the cemetery.

Let us walk to the lower end of the cemetery and pause at the grave of Anna Evans, daughter of James Younger. The inscription on the head stone reads: Sacred to the memory of Anna Evans Mid Wife, Departed Jan. 7th, 1843, Aged 97 years.

It was not the will of the Lord that Elizabeth Bodenhamer was to live as long as Anna Evans but was called away to heaven in the prime of her life: Elizabeth Bodenhamer, wife of Jacob Bodenhamer. Was born June 9, 1772; died Aug. 12, 1803.

In memory of John Hitchcock, born Oct. 15, 1747, died Nov. 9, 1832.

Charles Pope, born Dec. 1778, died July 10, 1827.

John Ledford, born Feb. 20, 1751, died Feb. 27, 1826.

Jane Spurgin, born June 30, 1736, died Aug. 3, 1803.

Martha Teague, born April 15, 1754, died Sept. 8, 1828. The name of Martha Teague appears on the first page of Vol. II of the old record book of 1818.

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Note: Copy of this account was given by J. Paul Manly in 1965 to Miss Ida B. Younger; copied Feb. 1969 by Malcolm E. Gardner.

ADDITIONS AND CORRECTIONS

See following pages.

The elder Lewis Gardner (d. 1799) of Richmond and Columbia was married three times: 1. Hannah - - (d. after Oct. 10, 1787, when she joined Lewis in conveying land), 2. in Columbia June 7, 1792, Mary (Bynum) Carmichael, and 3. Verlinda - - . Lewis' claim in 1784 for headright land included 10 children, and his first marriage is assumed as around 1764. Some family data are available from Columbia County estate papers for Lewis Gardner, Sr. and Jr., and William Gardner. Lewis, Sr.'s will in 1799 named 12 children, then living (1-9 by first wife, 10-11 by second, 12 by third):

1. William Gardner, d. intestate about 1804, leaving a child, Charles C., who died within two years. Lewis, Jr., was administrator of his brother's estate and, on Lewis' death in 1810, was succeeded by sister Ann (Nancy) Gardner. This may be the William Gardner who m. in Columbia County Nov. 18, 1795, Verlinda Davis (presumably the Verlinda Gardner who d. in Savannah May 30, 1802).
2. Ashel (Asahel, Asal) Gardner, b. Nov. 10, 1767; m. Jan. 22, 1792, Sarah Andrews (1774-1830). This is probably the Ashel Gardner listed as in Washington Co., Ga., in 1802 (Virginia S. and Ralph V. Wood, 1805 Georgia Land Lottery, p. 120). By 1806 Ashel was a landowner in Jefferson Co., Miss., where he died testate in July 1832, leaving 11 surviving children. (Ashel's Bible, in custody of George D. Gardner, Monroe, La.; see Malcolm E. Gardner, "Ashel Gardner of Jefferson County, Mississippi: Family Notes," with photoprints of original Bible record, DAR Library, Washington, and Mississippi Archives, Jackson)
3. Jason Gardner, m. in Columbia July 12, 1791, Sarah Stuckey (d. April 26, 1835); in Houston Co., Ga., by 1827; d. around 1840, probably in Randolph Co., Ga. He must not be confused with contemporaries of the same name in Southampton Co., Va., Bertie Co., N.C., Jones Co., Ga., and Dallas Co., Ala. His Bible record names six children.
4. Jesse B. Gardner, in Washington County in 1805 Lottery when he drew Lot 27, District 4, in old Baldwin County (Putnam after 1807). Family tradition called him a doctor which seems verified by his title "Surⁿ Reg^t" (Regimental Surgeon) when he signed a recommendation in Washington County in March 1803. (Mary G. Bryan, Passports Issued by Governors of Georgia, p. 3). His daughter Evalina Asque, or Askew, received a bequest and is identified in Sarah Gardner's will of 1837.
5. Sarah Gardner, d. 1839 unmarried in Decatur Co., Ga. Her will of 1837 named her siblings then living and those who left children and thereby contains much family information. (Decatur Co., Ga., Will Book A, p. 6)
6. Hannah (Anna) Gardner, d. about 1811; m. in Columbia Dec. 30, 1799, Stephen Hoge (1780-1844 and son of William Hoge); a son James M. Hoge.
7. Lewis Gardner, Jr., old enough in 1792 to witness the bond for his father's second marriage; d. Feb. 6, 1810; m. in Columbia March 12, 1805, Mary Liverman (daughter of Mathias Liverman); one child of this marriage: Elizabeth Brown Gardner, b. Jan. 14, 1806; m. in Wilkinson Co., Ga., March 20, 1823, as his first wife, William Davis (1798-1870); living in Twiggs Co., Ga., in 1831; d. June 7, 1853, in then Russell (now Lee) Co., Ala.

8. Mary (Polly) Gardner, m. Turner Everett, or Averitt (Columbia Co., Ga., Will Book K, p. 46); living in Pulaski Co., Ga., in 1820.
9. Ann (Nancy) Gardner, as a spinster living in the 5th District of Columbia County, in the 1807 Lottery drew Lot 104 in District 16, Baldwin County (later Jasper); m. before Jan. 6, 1812, Stephen Hoge (1780-1844); a daughter Louisa Ann Hoge (1816-1892) m. Dec. 3, 1833, James S. McNair in Decatur Co., Ga.
10. Verlinda Harris Gardner, m. in Columbia March 10, 1813, Samuel Shelby.
11. Gray Bynum Gardner, m. in Pulaski Co., Ga., April 6, 1819, Hannah Tooke; served as Clerk of the Superior Court in Pulaski, and died there about 1825.
12. Rachel Allison Gardner, m. William Davis (and see Verlinda Gardner's will of May 8, 1824, probated 1826 in Wilkes Co., Ga.).

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The births of six children of Jason and Sarah (Stuckey) Gardner of Columbia and Houston Counties, but not their own births, are recorded in Jason's hand in an old family Bible:

1. Lewis Gardner, b. Sept. 3, 1793; d. Aug. 22, 1865, in southeast Arkansas; served in Georgia militia drawn from Columbia County in the War of 1812 and the Seminole War of 1818; m. Keziah Yon (March 13, 1798-July 23, 1883).
2. Hannah Gardner, b. Jan. 17, 1796; m. in Columbia Dec. 30, 1817 David L. Morris; in 1830 in Houston Co., Ga.; 1840 in Randolph Co., Ga.
3. Dicy (Euridice) Gardner, b. April 9, 1798; m. in Columbia County 1. Aug. 27, 1818, John A. Fleming, and 2. Nov. 13, 1823, Handy Alford; living in 1830 in Houston Co., Ga., and 1861 in Columbia Co., Fla.; one child by first marriage, nine by second. (Not identified by the compiler is Euridice "Gardinar" named in Samuel Cotten's will, 1774, in Northampton Co., N.C.; a Dicey Gardner who m. William Robinson in 1822 in Jefferson Co., Miss., may be daughter of Bartholomew Gardner of Bertie Co., N.C., Sumner Co., Tenn., Screven Co., Ga., and then in a Mississippi militia unit from Jefferson County in the War of 1812.)
4. Nancy (Ann) Gardner (twin), b. Nov. 28, 1800; m. probably as his second wife, John Smith (d. 1832 in Houston Co., Ga.).
5. Elizabeth Gardner (twin), b. Nov. 28, 1800 (and may have m. Elias Bryan; see 1850 Census for Dale Co., Ala., p. 338, family 36).
6. Thomas Gardner, b. July 22, 1803; head of family in 1830 in Houston Co., Ga.; served as executor of his brother-in-law John Smith's will; in 1836 sold his own land in Houston and went to Early County. With eight children, Thomas and Sarah Gardner were in Baker Co., Ga., in the 1850 Census (family 18), listed as 47 and 44, born in Edgefield Co., S.C., and Columbia Co., Ga., respectively.

he never having received a written discharge . . ." A certificate, No. 3269, dated March 15, 1851, from the Third Auditor's Office, Treasury Department, states: "It appears from documents on file in this Office, that Lewis Gardner a Private of Captain Thomas D. Carr's Company of Georgia Militia Entered the Service on the 26 September 1814 and served till the 2 March 1815 -".

For the second period of service Lewis Gardner deposed ". . . that he is the identical Lewis Gardner who was a first corporal in the company commanded by Captain Benjamin Martin in the Georgia --- Regiment of Drafted men commanded by Colonel Milton in the War with the Seminole Indians . . . that he was drafted at Appling in County of Columbia and State of Georgia in the early part of the year A D 1818 does not recollect the precise time was mustered in to service at Hartford in Pulaski County . . . on or about the --- day of January or February . . . and was honorably discharged at Hartford in the county and state before mentioned . . . deponent cannot recollect the exact time not having received a written discharge. he has no memorandum by which to fix the precise dates, and therefore refers to the muster roll of said named company . . ." (War of 1812, pension and bounty land records, File WO 42884, National Archives, Washington)

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The third Lewis Gardner (1793-1865) of Columbia County was in Houston County before 1830, Randolph by 1840, and southeast Arkansas in 1857. His wife was Keziah Yon (Yarn, Youn), born March 15, 1798, in South Carolina, died July 23, 1883, in Ashley County, Arkansas. The names, birth dates, and some of the deaths of the 11 children of Lewis and Keziah Gardner, all born in Georgia, are recorded in the old Lewis Gardner family Bible:

1. Martha Ann Gardner, b. Nov. 19, 1820; d. Nov. 2, 1908; m. in Randolph Co., Ga., Jan. 16, 1841, Benjamin F. Rice (1823-1868).
2. Jason Franklin Gardner, b. Sept. 12, 1822; m. in Henry Co., Ala., Sept. 27, 1844, Susannah Baker; in Hamilton Co., Texas, in 1860 Census (p. 3, family 20); said to have died in Texas.
3. Jesse Gardner, b. Feb. 22, 1825 in Columbia Co., Ga.; d. June 15, 1899, Dale Co., Ala.; 6th Ala. Cavalry, CSA; m. 1. in Henry Co., Ala., Feb. 12, 1846, Annie Peacock, and 2. Aug. 13, 1862, Ann Elizabeth Hines (1846-1924).
4. Thomas Bynum Gardner, b. Feb. 28, 1827; d. Oct. 4(or 8), 1894; 1st Ark. Mounted Rifles, CSA; m. 1. in Henry Co., Ala., May 29, 1854, Rhoda Atkinson, and 2. in Drew Co., Ark., Dec. 25, 1860, Mary Thomas Everett (1839-1884), daughter of William T. Everett.
5. Louisa Lydia Gardner, b. Feb. 24, 1829; d. March 4, 1881; m. in Henry Co., Ala., Feb. 26, 1846, John Peacock (1822-1881).
6. Sarah E. Gardner, b. Nov. 20, 1830; d. Feb. 28, 1911, unmarried.
7. Lewis W. Gardner, b. Jan. 27, 1832; said to have died as a youth in early 1850's in Alabama.
8. Nancy Phillips Gardner, b. Feb. 19, 1834; d. Feb. 2, 1905; m. in Ashley Co., Ark., Oct. 23, 1859, as his second wife, E.L. "Sidney" Johnson (killed in Confederate military service).

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CORRECTIONS AND SUGGESTIONS

Sarah Gardner, old-maid daughter of Lewis Gardner, Sr., made her will 13 Feb. 1837 (recorded 14 Aug. 1839), Stephen Hoge executor. She named her eight siblings, who were then alive or else had surviving children; a nephew James M. Hoge (son of Stephen and Hannah Gardner Hoge); nieces Louisa Ann McNair (wife of James S. McNair and daughter of Stephen and Ann Gardner Hoge), Elizabeth B. Davis (daughter of Lewis Gardner, Jr.), and Evalina Asque, or Askew (daughter of Jesse Gardner). (Decatur Co., Ga., Book A, pp. 6-7)
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Jason Gardner's daughter Elizabeth (b. 28 Nov. 1800) may have married an Elias Bryan (witness, with Jason Gardner, Handy Alford, and David L. Morris, to John Smith's will of 1831 in Houston County). Elias Bryan and Elizabeth are in the 1850 Census in Dale County, Ala. (p. 338, family 36), but the census taker set down her age as 46 (as of 1 June), instead of 49. MEG - 8/1971

The elder Martin Gardner (d. ca. 1759, testate) of Bertie is identified as "of Chowan Precinct in the County of Albemarle of the Province of North Carolina" when, on 18 July 1715, he acquired from William and Mary Jones 310 acres on Cashy River (Bertie by 1722). In 1718 Martin Gardner and wife Ann sold 440 acres on Cashy "Survey'd for Martin Gardner May ye 20 1715" (a patent). In 1718 and 1719 Gardner acquired from William Jones 586 acres in the Cashy area. (Chowan Co., N.C., Deed Book B, Part I, pp. 174-75; Part III, pp. 595-96, 591, 668-69) The will of Thomas Jones of N.C., drawn 11 Jan. 1712/13, bequeathed to son John Jones "a peice of Land Called by ye Name of ye New found Landing Containing four hundred Acres New Seat Dated by Martin Gardner" (N.C. Wills, Book 2, 1712-1722, p. 29, in N.C. Archives, Raleigh). He may have been a mariner or trader before settling down as a planter on Cashy River. We do not know his parentage or other antecedents. We have no proof of any connection with a Martin Gardner (d. 1693, intestate), Justice of York Co., Va., who seems to have left no children; his estate was administered by step-son Henry Tyler, Jr.
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SARAH GARDNER'S WILL, DECATUR COUNTY, GEORGIA, 1837

Georgia ()
Decatur County)

Recorded August 14 1839

I Sarah Gardner In the name of God Amen. Being weak in body but of sound memory, Knowing the certainty of Death and uncertainty of life I do hereby make and ordain this to be my last will and Testament Viz

First I will my soul to the all Mighty that gave it and after my death for my body to be interred in a decent and orderly manner at the discretion of my friends

Secondly It is my will and pleasure that all my debts be paid. Thirdly It is my will and pleasure that my friend Stephen Hoge that I live with have my bed and furniture and all my household furniture of all sorts

Fourthly It is my will and pleasure that Permelia Ann Russell have the sum of twenty five Dollars to be paid her out of my Estate when sold

Fifthly It is my will and pleasure that my sister Rachael A Davis have the sum of twenty five Dollars out of my Estate & no more whatsoever

Sixthly It is my will and pleasure that Sarah Ellen McNair have the sum of One hundred Dollars the Daughter of Louisa Ann & James S McNair out of my Estate when sold

Seventhly It is my will and pleasure that my land of No 5 sold and my negroes be sold at the discretion of my executor hereafter named so that the woman Judy and her youngest children be sold together and the money arising from the sales thereof when the foregoing legacies are deducted to be divided into Eight equal parts Viz One part to the heirs of Asahel Gardner one part to the children of Jason Gardner one part to the daughter of Elizabeth B Davis the daughter of Lewis Gardner if she or her child are in life One part to Evalina Asque if in life & if not to the heirs of her body the daughter of Jesse Gardner two parts to the two sisters viz Hannah and Ann. James M Hoge & Louisa Ann McNair the wife of James S. McNair and Stephen Hoge to be divided into three parts or shares so as for each to have one third of the aforesaid two parts and one part to be divided between the Children of my sister Verlindar Shelby and one part to the Children of my sister Mary Everitt and if Elizabeth B Davis and her heirs of her body have departed this life then & in that case for that share to be divided between the other several shares

Eighthly I do hereby appoint my friend Stephen Hoge my Executor & that he is to have nothing for the same only his equal share with his two Children as above pointed out in this my last will and Testament In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 13th day of February in the Year of our Lord one thousand Eight hundred & thirty seven In the presence

of John Kelly	(her
Wm W Kelly)	Sarah X Gardner (SS)
Reuben Chase	(mark
his		
William X Kelly		
mark		
Samuel Cooper		

Georgia () Personally appeared in open Court Samuel Cooper John
Decatur County) Kelly & William W Kelly who being duly sworn depose and
sayeth that they saw the within will signed by Sarah
Gardner & were subscribing witnesses thereto Samuel Cooper
Wm. W. Kelly
John Kelly

Note: This is a verbatim typescript from a microfilm print, Georgia Archives, Atlanta (Decatur Co., Ga., Book A, pp. 6-7). This Sarah Gardner was a daughter of Lewis Gardner, Sr. (d. 1799) of Columbia County, Georgia.

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WILL OF MARTIN GARDNER (SR.), BERTIE COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA

[cover]

Bertie County Ss January Court 1760

The Within Will was Exhibited into Court by Annah Gardner and James Gardner two of the Exors therein Named and Proved by the Oaths of Benjamin Carter and Joseph Holland the Witnesses thereto and at the same time the same Exors Quallified according to Law Which was Ordered to be Certified.

Test. Benj. Wynn Cl Cur

The will of Marten Gardner

Martin Gardners Will --- Letters Issued the 13th Febr'y 1760 Recorded in the Secretarys office Book V 6 [?] N C [?] Page 211 Bertie County

[first page]

In the name of God Amen the Sixt day of October In the year of our lord 1755 Martin Gardner of bartie County Gentelaman being very Sick and weake of body but of perfect mind and memory Thanks be Given unto god for the Same and Coling to mind the mortalaty of my body and Knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die do make and ordain this my Last Will and Testament that is to Say principallity and first of all i give and recommend my Soul in to the hands of God that Gave it to me and for my body I Recommend in to the yearth to be buried in a Cristian like and decent manner at the discretion of my Executors not douting but at the Generall Resurrection I shall receive the Same again by the mighty power of god and as Touchen Such worldly Estate whearwith it hath pleased God to bless me in this life I Give devise and dispose of the Same in the following manner and form

Iprimis I Give and bequeath to Annah [Hannah ?] my dear beloved Wife one negro man named Jem one bed and furnitur

Item I give and bequeath to my Son James Gardner Two negroes one wench named Febe one negro boy name Ben and one bed and furniture and my plantation and Tract of land whear I now live.

I give and bequeath to my Son John Gardner fore hundred and forty acres of land and plantation Joyning my land That above [?] abuts [?] being [?] upon deep Run and Cashy

I Give and bequeath to my Three daughteurs Ann and Annah and Jane fore Cows and Calves apeace one fether bed and furnitur apeace and my Iland and plantation to my Three daughters Ann Annah and Jean and further mour I Give one negro apeace To Ann one wench named Peg to Annah one boy named Is and to Jane one Carl named Beck

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Item and bequeath to my Son william Gardner one young horse Two years old Item I Give and bequeath To my Daughter Catern [Catherine] one young mare of Two years old Item I Give and bequeath to my daughter Elebeth one Cow

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and Calf and that to be Their Shears of my Estate I Give and bequeath to my Son Martin Gardner one Two year old heiffer and for all the Rest of my Estate after my debts is paid I lend it to my Wife during her life and after her Deceas to be Equall devidet among my Six Chilldren Three Sons and Three daughters Martain John and James Ann Annah and Jane and I likewise Constitute make and ordain my younger Son James Gardner and my frend Needham Bryan and my wife my hole Executors and Exsecretes of This my last will and Testament and I do hearby uterly Disallow Revoke and disannul all and Every other former Testaments Wills and legeses bequeaths and Executrs by me in any wayes before this time named willed and bequeathed Ratifiing and Confirming this and no other to be my last will and Testament in Witness whearof I have hearunto Set my hand and Seal the day and year above written his

Martain M Gardner
mark

Signed Sealed Published and pronounced and declared by the Said Martin Gardner as his last Will and Testament in the Presents of us the Subscribers

his
Benjama B Carter Jurat
mark
Joseph Holland Jurat

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Comment: This is a verbatim copy of Martin Gardner's will from North Carolina Wills, v. 11, pp. 25-26, North Carolina Archives, Raleigh. The bequests to son William and daughters Catherine and Elizabeth seem small in comparison with those to sons Martin (Jr.), John, and James and daughters Ann, Annah, and Jane (Jean). Possibly the former were children of an earlier marriage or in some manner estranged from their father, or they may have received their intended portions before 1755 when Martin (Sr.) drew his will. The will of "younger Son James Gardner", drawn and proved in 1790, left a tract of land to "the heirs of my Three Decsd brothers William, Martin and John Gardner to be equally Divided By my Executors . . .", who were Baliss House, Josiah Harrell, and Allen Purvis (Bertie Co., N. C., Will Book D, 1784-97, pp. 141-46).

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WILL AND SETTLEMENT OF NEEDHAM BRYAN, SR., BERTIE COUNTY

In the name of God Amen the Twentie Third day of September in the year of our Lord 1767 I Needham Bryan of North Carolina In the County of Bartie farmar being very Sick In body but of perfect mind and memory Thanks be Given unto God for the Same and Caling to mind the mortality of my body and knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die do make this my Last will and Testament That is to Say principally and first of all i give and Recommend my Soul into the hands of God that Gave it and for my body I recommend it to the Earth to be burid in a Cristian-like and decent manner at the discretion of my Executors nothing douting but that at the General Resurrection I shall Receive the same again by the mity power of God and as Touchen such worldly Estate whearwith it hath plesed God to bless me in this life I Give and demise and dispose of the Same in the following mannar and forme Imprimis I Give and bequeath Sarah my dearly beloved Wife one fether bed and Furnituer the Chose of all my beds one horse Choise as she likes Side Saddell and Bridell and after her deceas to Go into the Estate Item I Give to my Gran Son William Bryan the Son of my Son William my Still and my Stock of Smiths tools Item I Give and bequath to my fore Gran Sons Ezekil Williams Lewis Gardner and Joseph Garnighan and my daughters Son William hur first born Each of them a Cr[torn]lin and bequeath to Susana Harrell one [torn] Called Anny[?] Item and bqath to young Jacob Jarnighan three pounds out of my Estate when Sheared and after my debts is paid I do lend all my hole Estate to my Wife and my Gran Son William Bryan that now lives with me and after mi Wifes widowhud to be Eaqually devided to my Three Children all but he has in Razen[?] that his Shear all Rest to my Son Needham an William and Daughter Rachell and my Son Needham and Son William and my Son in law William Whitfeild for Every one of them to Chuse them a man to vally and devide to three lots and Each to take their Shear and I do mak and ordain my two Sons Needham Bryan and William Bryan my Sole Executors of this my last will and testament and I do hearby utterly disallow Revouk and disannull and all and Evry other forme testaments and wills and legases bequeaths and Executors by me in any Wise before this time named or ment In Witness wheareof I have heir unto Set my hand and Seal this day and year above ritten Signed Sealed published pronounced and Declared by me the said Needham Bryan Sener as his last Will and testament In the presents of us the Subscribers

Needham Bryan Seal

William Turner Jurat

James Turner

Joseph Turner

(Proved in March Court, 1770; Bertie Co., N. C., Will Book 2, p. 8)

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In Bertie, on 15 May 1777, "Pursuant to the Dimentions of an Order of the Inferior Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions . . . the Second Tuesday in May /1777/ . . . we the Subscribers met Examoned Audited and Settled the Accompts of William Bryan Exor of Needham Bryan deceased and find a ballance Due to the said deceaseds Estate of four Hundred and Eighty and Eight pounds thirteen Shillings and Nine pence Proclamation Money - which we have Divided and set apart agreably to the last Will and Testament of the said Deceased To the administrator of Needham Bryan son of the said Deceased for his part and Shair of the said Deceaseds Estate one hundred and sixty two pounds seventeen

shillings & eleven pence . . .", and the same amount for their shares "To Rachel Whitfield Daughter of the said deceased" and "To William Bryan son of the said Deceased". This is signed by Noah Hinton, Samuel Moore, and Thomas House. We may assume the recent death of the elder Needham Bryan's widow Sarah, in 1776 or early 1777, terminating her life interest and allowing final settlement of the estate.

The three principal heirs of Needham Bryan, Sr., as clearly indicated in both the will and settlement, were sons William and Needham, Jr., and daughter Rachel Whitfield. Payment to "the administrator of Needham Bryan son of the said Deceased" indicates the death intestate of Needham, Jr., after date of the will, 23 Sept. 1767, and before the settlement, in May 1777. This conflicts with 1784, given as year of Needham, Jr.'s death by Zella Armstrong (see below). The will does not name the daughters who were mothers of "my fore Gran Sons", each of the four being cut off with a crown sterling, thus disinheriting these daughters and/or their heirs and avoiding division of the estate per stirpes. The executor's accounting, as approved by the commissioners in 1777, includes payments of five minor monetary bequests: For four grandsons, "To paid Ezekiel Wimberly [sic] his Legacy" and, tabulated in immediate succession, "Lewis Gardner Do Do", "Joseph Jornagan Do Do", and "William Bryan son of Ann Bryan Do Do", each 8 shillings, 4 pence (the equivalent then in local currency of a crown sterling); to "Jacob Jernagan JE Do Do" 3 pounds (Bertie Co., N.C., Inventories and Sales of Estates, 1775-1790, Part I, pp. 18-19, in N.C. Archives, Raleigh; photocopy in compiler's possession). Possibly Jacob Jernigan, Jr., is a son-in-law. Susanna Harrell, legatee in the will, may be a favored niece, namesake, and/or god-daughter of Needham's second wife, said to have been born Susanna Harrell. The compiler is uncertain whether one of the above legatees and grandsons of Needham Bryan, Sr., is really Ezekiel "Williams", as named in the will, or Ezekiel "Wimberly", as listed in the final accounting.

Jewel Davis Scarborough, in a chapter on Bryans and Gardners of Bertie (Southern Kith and Kin, v. 2, The Davis Family and Their Connections, 1952, pp. 116-22), misinterpreted Needham Bryan's will as though it named three Gardner grandsons - Ezekiel, William, and Lewis Gardner. With inadequate justification, she then assigned these three as sons to Martin Gardner, Jr., of Bertie, although admitting that they are not mentioned in the latter's will of 1784. Lewis Gardner appears in an early Bertie record as a "head-right", 9 Nov. 1742: "William Gardener proved his Rights Viz^t Wm Gardener, Mary Gardener, Uselva Gardiner, Nehomi [Naomi?] Gardiner Lewis Gardener Mary Gardiner whites, Pegg, black -" (Bertie Co., N.C., Minute Book 1724-1743, p. 193), presumably William as head of family, wife Mary, their four children, and a slave. A conjecture, for further consideration, is that William and Mary Gardner are son-in-law and daughter of Needham Bryan, Sr., and Lewis the Gardner grandson named in Needham's will. In 1793 a Lewis Gardner (died 1799) of Georgia gave Alexander Gardner power of attorney to sell two tracts of land in Bertie (Columbia Co., Ga., Deed Book B, p. 202).

Incomplete, and not altogether in agreement, are some published notes on the Bertie County Bryans: J.R.B. Hathaway, "Bryan Record", North Carolina Historical and Genealogical Register, v. 1, pp. 577-84; Worth S. Ray, "The Bryan Family", Lost Tribes of North Carolina, pp. 655-58; and Zella Armstrong, Notable Southern Families, v. 2, pp. 50-57.

Malcolm E. Gardner
Arlington, Virginia
12 November 1969

Head of
familyAshel (or Asahel) Gardner (1767-1832)Paternal
line of
ancestors

Parentage

son of Lewis and Hannah () GardnerBirth or
baptismwas born 10 Nov. 1767 at Carolina or Georgia, presumably

Death

died -- July 1832 at Jefferson County, Miss.

Burial

buried at _____ Cemetery

Residences
and
removals

Resided in Richmond Co., Ga., by 1776, where his father then bought land; in
Columbia Co., Ga., in 1790's; Washington Co., Ga., by 1802 when 1805 lottery
list compiled; Miss. by 1803 where his seventh child and oldest daughter was
born; and on tax rolls of Jefferson Co., Miss., in 1805, dying there 1832.

Occupation

FarmerMilitary
service

If he had military service, the compiler has seen no substantiating
contemporary record of such. He would have been rather young for service in
the Revolution, with which family tradition credits him.

Other
biograph-
ical dataHe married Sarah Andrewson 22 Jan. 1792

at _____

Parentage

dau. of _____ and _____ () _____

Birth or
BaptismShe was born 25 Dec. 1774

at _____

Death

and died 3 March 1830 at Jefferson Co., Miss.

Burial

buried at _____ Cemetery

Biographical

Other
marriages

Children of Ashel and Sarah (Andrews) Gardner

Names in full, date and place of birth, marriage, death, and to whom married

M	1	Lewis Gardner, b. 9 Nov. 1792; d. 24 Jan. 1793
M	2	John Andrews Gardner, b. 9 Dec. 1793; d. 23 Feb. 1796
M	3	Micajah Andrews Gardner, b. 28 Aug. 1795; d. 27 Oct. 1795
M	4	William Gardner, b. 16 Nov. 1796; d. 10 Jan. 1850 of dropsy in Madison Parish, La. (1850 Mortality Schedules); m. 15 Jan. 1818 Jemima Burns (d. 28 July 1851, aged 50); their 11 children in the Bible record
M	5	Bryan Gardner, b. 17 Dec. 1798 in Ga.; d. 23 Sept. 1855 in Ark.; m. Zillah Scarborough (d. Jan. 1877); living in Bradley Co., Ark., in 1850; Mrs. Evans names 6 children of this couple
M	6	Jesse Gardner, b. 31 July 1801 in Ga.; d. intestate in Yazoo Co., Miss.; ante Nov. 1855 when his widow obtained letters of administration. He m. 1. Sarah Roberts (d. ca 1840), and 2. Mary E. Perry (d. ca 1883); settlement of the estate indicates 11 surviving children of the two marriages (Yazoo Co., Probate Box 220)
F	7	Elizabeth Gardner, b. 13 March 1803 in Miss.; d. post 1860; m. 23 Dec. 1818 Nathan Robinett (d. between 1850 and 1860); lived in Yazoo Co.; the old Bible record and 1850-60 censuses name 10 children
F	8	Hannah Gardner, b. 9 Feb. 1805; m. in Jefferson Co., Miss., 17 Jan. 1822 Asa Scarborough; in Copiah Co., Miss., in 1830 and alive in 1833 when estate of Ashel, Sr., was being settled; no further reference to this couple's later whereabouts
F	9	Sarah Gardner, b. 26 Dec. 1806; m. in Jefferson 3 Jan. 1828 Dennis Burns (d. in Oct. 1846), his will, drawn 6 Oct. and proved 26 Oct. 1846, mentioning "my beloved wife [not named] . . . and her unborn child" (Yazoo Co., Will Book A, p. 103); no further reference.
M	10	"Ashel Gardner Junr." (as entered in the Bible record, but he seems to have signed his name as "Ashel B."), b. 18 Sept. 1808; m. 1. 8 Dec. 1831 Caroline E. Marlowe, and 2. Winnifred - - - ; d. between 8 Oct. 1834 and 29 April 1835 in Yazoo Co. (Will Book A, p. 15; Probate Box 117). He was guardian for his younger siblings, Lewis and Martha, while they were minors after their father's death.
M	11	Jason Gardner, b. 26 May 1810; d. 26 Jan. 1833
F	12	Mary Gardner, b. 14 Feb. 1812; m. 5 Jan. 1830 John R. Robinett; said to have d. May 1834, s. p.
M	13	Lewis Gardner, b. 30 April 1814; d. post 1860; m. Elizabeth - - - , and 2. in Yazoo 30 Aug. 1858 Sarah Ann Gresham.
F	14	Martha Gardner, b. 1 March 1816; n.f.r. after 1837 when she received the balance of her inheritance.

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Sources of data. Record from Ashel Gardner's Bible (inclusive dates, 1767-1945) in hands of George D. Gardner, Monroe, La. (photocopy in compiler's possession); supplemented by official records of Jefferson and Yazoo Counties, Miss., 1850 and 1860 censuses, and Grace M. Evans' Gardner, Wheeler, Moran and Herndon Families (1959).

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BARTHOLOMEW GARDNER

In Bertie County, North Carolina, Bryan Gardner was appointed guardian of Bartholomew Gardner 12 May 1794; bond of \$500 was provided by Allen Purvis and John Gardner (Bertie Co., N.C., Minute Book 1793-1801, p. 76).

On 11 Nov. 1797, "I Bryan Gardner of Sumner County and State of Tennessee . . ." gave two deeds to Thomas Veal: for "Eighteen Spanish Milled Dollars and 3/4 of a dollar" 18 3/4 acres in Bertie "which said Land is a part of Bartholomew Gardner land which fell to him by the death of his Father John Gardner" (who died intestate before 17 Feb. 1790, when the Bertie Court appointed Cader Powell as administrator of the estate); this tract corners with Jason, Bryan, and Isaac Gardner and Thomas Veal on Rocquist Swamp; and for "thirty Six actual Silver dollars & a quarter To me in hand paid" 44 acres "a part of Bartholomew Gardners land which fell to him by the death of his Father John Gardner", near "the alligator marsh" adjoining Jason and Bryan Gardner; both deeds witnessed by James Ruffin and Richard Veal; recorded at November Court (Bertie Co., N.C., Deed Book R, 1795-98, pp. 150-53).

It is reasonable to assume that Bartholomew went to Tennessee with his guardian Bryan Gardner, apparently an older first cousin, after 1 Aug. 1795 when "Bryant" Gardner, still a resident of Bertie, sold 370 acres to Allen Purvis (Bertie Co., Deed Book R, pp. 76-78).

In the 1805 Georgia Land Lottery (Wood, p. 120) is a Bartholomew Gardner in Screven County for one draw (a prize), indicating that in 1803 he was of age, single, and a resident of that State. On 31 March 1807 "Bartholomeu gardenar Soninlaw of James sharbert" and some of his Sharbert in-laws were issued "a Passport thro the Creek nation" (Bryan, Georgia Passports, p. 20).

Bartholomew Gardner is on the tax rolls of Jefferson County, Mississippi, 1810-13, apparently with land on Coles Creek (tax rolls in Mississippi Archives, Jackson, courtesy of D.F. McCormack, 5/14/68).

During the War of 1812 Bartholomew (Barth., Barth^o, etc.) Gardner served as a private, 13 Sept. to 24 Nov. 1813, in companies commanded by Capts. John Doherty and John J.W. Ross, Hinds' Battalion of Cavalry, Mississippi Territory, and was later on the muster roll of "Detachment of Cavalry of the Mississippi Territory ordered to the eastern frontier . . . by His Excellency, Governor Holmes", dated at "Town of Washington M. T. Jan. 14, 1814" (War of 1812, carded service records, National Archives, Washington; the Archives appears to have no record of an application for bounty land by Bartholomew Gardner).

In a Mississippi (non-federal) census in 1810 for the old Natchez District, Ashel and Bartholomew Gardner are heads of households in Jefferson County. The former's enumeration is one male over 21, four under 21, a female over 21, three under 21, and three slaves. Bartholomew and his wife are both over 21, and with them are a boy and two girls under 21 (Gillis, Early Inhabitants of the Natchez District, 1963, p. 44). Bartholomew Gardner is not named in an 1816 census for Mississippi, and we may assume that, between 1814 (after his military service) and 1816, he died or moved away from Mississippi. The Dicy Gardner who married William Robinson 13 Oct. 1822 in Jefferson County may have been a daughter of Bartholomew.

ANCESTRY OF THOMAS B. AND
MARY (EVERETT) GARDNER,
ASHLEY COUNTY, ARKANSAS

Christopher Thomas
(1609-1670; to Md., c. 1635)

Tristram Thomas m. Anne DeCoursey
(Talbot Co., Md.)

Thomas Thomas
(Queen Anne's Co., Md.)

Lawrence Everett
(Q. 1115, p. 1722)

Martin Gardner, Sr. William Covington m. Nancy Wall
(d. 1758, Bertie, N.C.) (d. 1778)

William Gardner

Elizabeth Covington m. Thomas
(d. 1820) | 1742-1833

1747
Lawrence m. (1) ph
(d. ca. 1801)

Willis Eubanks

(Ram Billy) Thomas
(1742-1800)

Col. Lewis Gardner
(d. 1799)

Sarah Everett m. William (Silverheel) Thomas
(1762-1834)

James Lewis
m. Susanna Anderson

Jason Gardner
(d. ca. 1840) |

Lawrence C. Everett m.
(1775-1844)

Mary Thomas (0481-4813)
(1784-1840)

Zadok Daniel m. Eli
(1768-1830) 1 (1792

Lewis Gardner m. Kezia Yon
(1793-1865) | (1798-1883)
c. 1819

William Thomas Everett m. F
(1809-1873) 1834

Anderson, Daniel
(1815-1865)

Thomas Bynum Gardner m. Mary Thomas Everett
(1827-1894) 1860 (1839-1884)

William T.
m. Ellen Noble

Henry L. Callie B.
m. Lottie Williams m. J.B. B.

Everett
m. May 18

Dudley D.

Mary Elizabeth

THE LEWIS GARDNER FAMILY
OF ASHLEY COUNTY, ARKANSAS

The Gardner family was established in Ashley County by Lewis Gardner (1793-1865), a Georgian who settled in southeast Arkansas about 1857. He was a son of Jason and Sarah (Stuckey) Gardner and grandson of Lewis Gardner of Richmond and Columbia Counties in Georgia. The elder Lewis Gardner served the American cause (as a major of Georgia militia, according to tradition) during the Revolutionary War. In 1781 he was named sheriff of Richmond County. After the war, with the courtesy title of "Colonel", he continued to hold public office in Richmond County, and later in Columbia County, which was created from Richmond in 1790. The will of Colonel Lewis Gardner, who died in 1799, is recorded in Columbia County, Georgia. Named are his (second or third) wife, Verlinda; older sons William, Ashel, Jason, Jesse, and Lewis (Jr.); older daughters Sarah, Hannah, Mary, and Nancy (Ann); and "my younger children, towit, Verlinda Harris, Gray Bynum and Rachel Allison".

The marriage bond of Jason Gardner and Sarah Stuckey is dated July 12, 1791, in Columbia County. The dates and places of their birth are unknown. The names and birth-dates of the six children of Jason and Sarah Gardner are recorded in Jason's hand in an old family Bible:

Lewis Gardner, born Sept. 3, 1793.

Hannah Gardner, b. Jan. 17, 1796.

Dicy (Eurydice) Gardner, b. April 9, 1798.

Elizabeth and Nancy (Ann) Gardner (twins), b. Nov. 28, 1800.

Thomas Gardner, b. July 22, 1803.

In February 1819, for \$1800, Jason Gardner sold his son Lewis two tracts of land in Columbia County: ". . . a parcel of 40 Acres . . . on said Embryes Creek . . . another 70 Acres . . . on the Uchee Creek." By 1829 Jason and his two sons, Lewis and Thomas Gardner, were living in Houston County, Georgia, and are named as heads of families in the 1830 Census. In the old Bible is this entry: "Sally Gardner wife of Jason Gardner died April the 26 day: 1835". An affidavit of 1883 by Thomas Bynum Gardner, son of Lewis and Keziah Gardner, states in part: ". . . the Family Bible Published in 1827 is & has been in the possession of the family ever since he can remember. The ages - births & deaths, were entered therein by my Grand Father, Jason Gardner, with probably one or two exceptions - he lived with my Fathers Family a long time - and I saw him make some of the entries - . . . I was fifty six years old last Feb - . . ." We may conclude that Jason Gardner died around 1840 (probably in Randolph County, Georgia). Lewis Gardner was living in Randolph County by 1840; his youngest child was born in 1841 and, for the first time, this entry is in another hand than Jason Gardner's.

As a young man, the third Lewis Gardner (1793-1865) of Columbia County served in militia units drawn from that county during the War of 1812 and, in 1818, the first war with the Seminole Indians. He is described as "... about 5 ft 10 in high, light hair, blue eyes, fair skin, weighed about 165#". Some details of his military service appear in his bounty land applications, dated October 25, 1850 (and March 19, 1855), in Henry County, Alabama.

For the earlier service "... Lewis Gardner aged fifty seven years [in 1850] a resident of the county and state aforesaid who being duly sworn ... declares that he is the identical Lewis Gardner who was a Private in the company commanded by Captain Thomas Carr in the Georgia --- Regiment ... commanded by Colonel Ignatius Few in the War with Great Britain ... that he was drafted in Columbia County and State of Georgia and drew arms and rations at Waynesboro in the County of Burke ... was drafted for the term of six months and continued in actual Service as well as deponent recollects about Five months and some Eighteen days and was honorably discharged at Waynesborough aforesaid on the --- day of March A. D. 1814 as will more fully appear by the muster rolls of said company, he never having received a written discharge ..." A certificate, No. 3269, dated March 15, 1851, from the Third Auditor's Office, Treasury Department, states: "It appears from documents on file in this Office, that Lewis Gardner a Private of Captain Thomas D. Carr's Company of Georgia Militia Entered the Service on the 26 September 1814 and served till the 2 March 1815 -".

For the second period of service Lewis Gardner, of Henry County, deposes "... that he is the identical Lewis Gardner who was a first Corporal in the company commanded by Captain Benjamin Martin in the Georgia --- Regiment of Drafted men commanded by Colonel Milton in the War with the Seminole Indians ... that he was drafted at Appling in County of Columbia and State of Georgia in the early part of the year A D 1818 does not recollect the precise time was mustered in to service at Hartford in Pulaski County ... on or about the --- day of January or February ... and was honorably discharged at Hartford in the county and state before mentioned ... deponent cannot recollect the exact time not having received a written discharge. he has no memorandum by which to fix the precise dates, and therefore refers to the muster roll of said named company ..."

About 1819 or 1820 Lewis Gardner married Keziah Yon in South Carolina. She was born in that State on March 15, 1798. Her people are said to have been Tories during the Revolution. The 1830 Census for Houston County, Georgia, names Lewis "Gardiner", as well as his father Jason and brother Thomas, as head of a family. Enumerated in the former's household are one male in the 30-40 age category (Lewis himself), one male 5-10 (Jason F.), two males under 5 (Jesse and Thomas B.); a female 30-40 (wife Keziah), another female 10-15 (Martha Ann), and one under 5 (Louisa). In the 1840 Census for Randolph County, Georgia, Lewis Gardner's household includes one male 80-90 (likely, his father Jason), one 50-60 (Lewis, but 10 years too old), one 15-20 (son Jason F.), two 10-15 (sons Jesse and Thomas B.), one 5-10 (Lewis W.), one under 5 (John W. S.); a female 40-50 (Keziah), one 15-20 (Martha), one 10-15 (Louisa), two 5-10 Sarah E. and Nancy P.), and one under 5 (Hannah F.). The sex and age categories in Lewis Gardner's 1830 and 1840 enumerations fit fairly well with

the data recorded in the Jason and Lewis Gardner family Bible. True, the spellings are not entirely consistent, and the census taker allows Lewis Gardner to age 20 years between 1830 and 1840 (and the age of the elderly man, probably Jason, may also be 10 years too high in 1840, as well as in 1830). While the census returns contain much information, they should be used with caution and restraint.

Lewis Gardner moved about 1843 or 1844 from Georgia to Alabama. In the 1850 Census for Henry County he is described as 57 years old, a farmer, and a native of Georgia; his wife Keziah is 52 and born in South Carolina. Also named in this family (No. 216) are their seven younger children, all natives of Georgia. Lewis' son, Jesse Gardner, and son-in-law, John Peacock, are listed as heads of families in the same census and county.

The westerly migrations of the Lewis Gardner family are briefly covered in an affidavit of July 3, 1883, in Ashley County, Arkansas, by Mrs. Martha Ann Gardner Rice, who "... saith on oath that ... her father Lewis Gardner & Mother Kesiah Gardner (applicant for Pension) resided in Henry County Alabama from 1851 [more likely, from the mid-1840's] to 1856 - previously living in Houston and Randolph Co Georgia - ..."

About 1856 or 1857 Lewis Gardner, accompanied by eight of his children, left Alabama, intending to settle in Tarrant County, Texas. Arriving in southeast Arkansas, the movers learned that the Red River was at full flood and its swamps were impassable. They decided to wait a season and make a crop near Lacey, in Drew County. They remained; Lewis Gardner bought land a few miles away and settled down on what became known as the "old Gardner place", on the "military road" just south of Fountain Hill in Ashley County. A few years later, toward the end of the Civil War, as a fugitive from the marauding of both Yankees and guerillas passing back and forth along the Monticello-Hamburg road, Lewis Gardner farmed in the swamp country of the Bayou Bartholomew. There he died, at Gum Ridge, on August 22, 1865, in the troubled times following the collapse of the Southern Confederacy. His widow, Keziah Gardner, died at Fountain Hill July 23, 1883. Many of the Gardners and their connection are buried in the cemetery of the Flat Creek Baptist Church near Fountain Hill.

With no formal education, Lewis Gardner was nevertheless a strong and colorful personality, and many are the stories handed down by family tradition of his active and eventful life, of his quick temper and non-conforming views. He followed the westerly-moving frontier of the Old Southwest from the banks of the Savannah River past the Mississippi. Many of his descendants still live in southeast Arkansas; others have pushed on farther west. Lewis Gardner (1793-1865) and his wife, Keziah Yon (1798-1883), had eleven children, all of them born in Georgia:

I. Martha Ann Gardner, born Nov. 19, 1820; died Nov. 2, 1908, in Ashley County; married Benjamin F. Rice (Feb. 9, 1823-Sept. 9, 1868); their children:

A. Lavinia Rice, born in Georgia about 1843; never married.

B. Moses Alexander Rice, b. Aug. 31, 1844, in Alabama; d. March 13, 1905; m. 1. Della (Baker) Noble, and 2. Sallie (Sawyer) Stell. Children (1-2 by first wife, 3-4 by second):

1. Hunter Rice, m. Harvey Haley; no children.
2. Effie Rice, m. James Simmons.
3. Susan Rice, m. 1. Fred Scott, and 2. - - - McDaniel.
4. Helen Rice.

C. Nancy A. Rice, b. about 1846.

D. Thomas H. Rice (1850-1932), m. Frances Virginia "Jennie" Harris (1856-1942); their children:

1. Thomas E. Rice, d. Jan. 8, 1968, aged 88; m. Carrie Baker (d. Oct. 20, 1968, aged 85); lived in the Judson Community of Ashley County.
2. Jessie Rice, d. unmarried, in Little Rock.
3. Mallie V. Rice (1881-1958), m. Maybelle Moffatt (b. 1885); lived in Ashley County.

E. Sarah Elizabeth "Lizzie" Rice, b. March 15, 1851; d. March 8, 1902; m. Mark L. Deal (April 19, 1844-Nov. 3, 1919); lived in Ashley County; their children:

1. Thomas L. Deal, b. March 26, 1875; d. Sept. 22, 1876.
2. William Cecil Deal (1873-1956), m. 1. Jo Bullock, and 2. Annie Mae Wheat (d. March 31, 1966, aged 69, in Camden, Ark.); lived in Ashley County; one child by each marriage: Virginia and Cecil, Jr.
3. Moses Deal, never married.
4. Sarah B. "Sallie" Deal, b. Nov. 8, 1881; d. Aug. 15, 1884.
5. Lela Deal, m. James Lewis.
6. Charles C. Deal (1888-1941), m. Kathryn "Kate" Self.
7. John Deal, b. May 10, 1889; d. Feb. 27, 1959; m. Minnie Woods; lived in Ashley County; a daughter: Mary Deal (m. John Taylor).
8. Elizabeth "Bessie" Deal, d. Oct. 10, 1965, aged 79; m. Henry S. "Stence" Denson.
9. Genie D. Deal, m. Myrtle Ozelle Gardner (b. March 9, 1898); lived in El Dorado, Union County, Arkansas.

- F. Benjamin F. Rice, b. Jan. 14, 1853; d. Feb. 17, 1897, unmarried.
- G. Mary V. Rice, b. Dec. 9, 1854; d. April 15, 1936; m. Jasper Watkins (April 12, 1850-Jan. 28, 1905); lived near Fountain Hill; among their children were:
1. Florence "Florrie" Watkins, b. July 28, 1881; d. April 25, 1914; m. Thomas P. Boyd (March 8, 1879-March 6, 1943); lived in Ashley County.
 2. John Edward "Neddie" Watkins, b. April 16, 1885; d. Feb. 21, 1901.
 3. Bonnie R. Watkins, b. June 10, 1897; d. Aug. 28, 1897.
 4. Scottie May Watkins, b. Nov. 4, 1900; d. June 7, 1901.
- H. John G. Rice, b. about 1855 in Alabama; d. Jan. 21, 1921, in Ashley County; never married.
- I. Martha Alice Rice, b. Feb. 14, 1860, in Arkansas; d. Jan. 27, 1936; m. John Henson Ford (Sept. 15, 1846-May 31, 1914), son of William and Martha Ford. Two children:
1. Fred Rice Ford, b. Oct. 9, 1896; d. April 30, 1961; m. Pauline Esther Dunn (b. Dec. 3, 1893) daughter of Thomas Judson Dunn.
- June 2, 1966,
 2. Mamie Ellen Ford, b. Jan. 29, 1890; d. Dec. 22, 1934; never married.
- J. Ellen D. Rice, d. April 25, 1934; never married.
- K. Donie Rice, d. around 1885, unmarried.
- II. Jason Franklin Gardner, b. Sept. 12, 1822; m. Susannah Baker, Sept. 27, 1844, in Henry County, Alabama; said to have died in Texas about the time of the Civil War, reportedly a case of mistaken identity.
- III. Jesse Gardner, b. Feb. 22, 1825; d. June 15, 1899, in Dale County, Alabama. He remained in that State instead of moving to Arkansas with other members of the family. He served the Confederacy in the 6th Alabama Cavalry. His military service record describes him as 5 feet 10 inches in height, with blue eyes, dark hair, and fair complexion; a farmer by occupation; and born in "Columbia Ga." Jesse Gardner married, first, on Feb. 12, 1846, in Henry County, Alabama, Annie Peacock (b. June 24, 1819, in Georgia), daughter of John Peacock. Their children, all born in Alabama, were:
- A. Frances Cathleen Gardner, b. Feb. 2, 1847.
 - B. Sarah Elizabeth Gardner, b. Sept. 30, 1848; m. George W. Farmer on Dec. 12, 1867.

- C. Eugenia Lucinda Gardner, b. Feb. 9, 1851; m. J. P. Edwards on July 17, 1867.
- D. Samantha Jane Gardner, b. Feb.-, 1853; m. Monroe Peacock, Oct. 13, 1873.
- E. Jason Franklin Gardner, b. May 22, 1855; m. Mary - - - , March 5, 1874. Among their children was:
 - 1. Edna Gardner.
- F. Pensive Alice "Pensy" Gardner, b. July 19, 1859; m. J. Floyd Buffaloe, Jan. 22, 1874.
- G. John Lafayette Gardner, b. Oct. 24, 1861; d. Oct. 18, 1925; m. Harriett Eveline Hines (April 29, 1855-Oct. -, 1927), daughter of William Hines. Their children were:
 - 1. Thomas O'Neal Gardner (1886-1957), m. 1. Jennie Payne, and 2. Mrs. Mary Foreman; no children by either marriage.
 - 2. Willie Avie Gardner, b. 1889; d. Jan. 31, 1960; m. Dec. 27, 1914, Marion N. "Bud" Monk (d. March 7, 1930); lived in Ozark, Alabama.
 - 3. Alter Lee Gardner, b. 1893; m. Minnie Lee Price.

Jesse Gardner married second, Aug. 13, 1882, Ann Elizabeth Hines (b. June 4, 1846, in Thomas County, Ga.; d. Jan. 22, 1924; daughter of William and Harriet Hines). Two children of this marriage:

- A. A son, died at birth.
- B. Aler Mae Gardner, b. May 15, 1891; d. June 13, 1961; m. Dec. 26, 1909; Robert Reynolds Free (b. June 4, 1886); lived in Dothan, Alabama; their children, all born in Dale County:
 - 1. Esther Mae Free, b. Sept. 14, 1912; m. 1. Laurie Scott Burrows, and 2. Lunie L. "Shine" Woodham; lives in Dothan.
 - 2. Tullis Mixon Free, b. Nov. 8, 1916; m. Julia E. Etheridge.
 - 3. Jewel Free, b. Jan. 18, 1918; m. Joel Kirby Faulk.
 - 4. Clarence O'Neal Free, b. Feb. 25, 1922; m. 1. Ursula Angeline "Ercie" Price, and 2. Lois Emma White (no children by the first marriage).

IV. Thomas Bynum Gardner, b. Feb. 28, 1827; d. Oct. 8, 1894, at Fountain Hill; served one year in the 2d Arkansas Infantry and three years in the 1st Arkansas Mounted Rifles, "the Rawhide Regiment", CSA. (He should not be confused with his second cousin, Thomas Bryan Gardner, of northeast Louisiana.) He m. 1. in Henry Co., Ala., May 29, 1854, Rhoda, daughter of John Atkinson, and they had one child:

A. James Thomas "Jim" Gardner, b. July 27, 1855, in Alabama; d. March 14, 1936, in Ashley Co., Ark.; m. 1. Dec. 19, 1878, Sallie E. Noland, 2. Stella Tanner, and 3. Anna (Delk) Malloy. At the time of the 1880 Census he was living near Fountain Hill. One child of each marriage:

1. John Thomas "Tommie" Gardner, b. March -, 1880; d. May 5, 1904, at Fountain Hill; m. in Drew County Nov. 22, 1903, Ann Hackney (the widow later married Van Buren Horn); one child, a daughter Tommie Gardner (b. Sept. 21, 1904; m. Charles L. McClain).
2. Mattie L. Gardner, m. Arthur Smith; lived in Austin, Texas.
3. Curtis Gardner, d. young.

Thomas B. Gardner m. 2. in Drew County Dec. 25, 1860, Mary Thomas Everett (Sept. 25, 1839-Jan. 25, 1883), daughter of William T. and Frances A. (Daniel) Everett of Drew Co., Ark.; seven children of this union, all born in Ashley County:

- A. William Thomas "Will" Gardner, b. Oct. 20, 1861; d. Nov. 30, 1952; a farmer, and lived in Ashley County; m. Feb. 4, 1891, Ellen Noble (Jan. 1, 1873-Nov. 2, 1956), daughter of Thomas E. and Amanda (Ready) Noble of Ashley. Their children:
1. Edward Leroy Gardner, b. March 8, 1892; m. Jewel Allen (d. Feb. 2, 1963, aged 62), daughter of Andrew Jackson "Jack" Allen; lives at Parkdale, Ark.
 2. Minnie Bell Gardner, b. Nov. 12, 1893; m. Jeff McCain; no children; lives in Florida.
 3. William Clifton Gardner, b. Oct. 14, 1896; served in World War I; m. Mattie Lou Pearson; no children; lives near Hamburg.
 4. Maude Alma Jeanette Gardner (twin), b. Jan. 3, 1898; d. Dec. 27, 1961; m. Maxie Harris; lived at Port Arthur, Texas.
 5. Claude Gardner (twin), b. Jan. 3, 1898, and died same day.
 6. Helen Irene Gardner, b. April 21, 1901; m. 1. Jesse Gifford, and 2. Arthur Deckleman; lives near Hamburg, Ark.
 7. Thomas Bynum "T.B." Gardner, b. Oct. 1, 1903; m. 1. Vertie Mae Simmons (1909-1932), and 2. Alma Culp (no children by second marriage); lives in Judson Community near Hamburg.

- B. Lewis Henry (Henry L.) Gardner, b. Feb. 25, 1866; d. March 18, 1939, at Fountain Hill; Baptist minister, school teacher, and farmer; m. Dec. 28, 1904, Lottie Dell Williams (Oct 22, 1881-June 22, 1956), daughter of Franklin P. and Susan (Lee) Williams. The children of Henry L. and Lottie D. Gardner, all born in Ashley County, Arkansas, were:
1. Mary Ellen Gardner, b. Nov. 7, 1905; lives in Arlington, Va.
 2. Fannie Lillian Gardner, b. June 29, 1907; d. July 1, 1909.
 3. Thomas Williams Gardner, b. May 10, 1909; d. April 20, 1957, Houston, Texas; sergeant in U. S. Army during World War II; never married.
 4. Dudley Allen Gardner, b. June 9, 1911; m. Lillian McGarity (b. Sept. 20, 1917, at Eros, La.), daughter of Horace E. and Rose A. (Bagwell) McGarity; served in U. S. Navy during World War II; lives in Natchez, Mississippi.
 5. Betty Lucille Gardner, b. Jan. 7, 1914; m. Earl Jack Seamans (b. Feb. 28, 1905, in Ashley County), son of Everett and Florence (Baine) Seamans; lives in Texas.
 6. Callie Catherine Gardner, b. June 1, 1917; m. Robert Clifton White (b. Aug. 8, 1916, in Drew County), son of Benjamin T. and Alice Elizabeth (Watkins) White; lives in Crossett, Ark.
 7. Lloyd Everett Gardner, b. July 13, 1921; m. Johnnie Ridgell (b. Sept. 1, 1923), daughter of James V. and Anna Pearl (Bays) Ridgell; lives at North Crossett, Arkansas.
- C. Callie Bynum Gardner, b. May 15, 1868; d. May 25, 1925, in North Little Rock, Arkansas; m. Joseph B. Rodgers; their children:
1. Henry Rodgers, born and died Oct 17, 1894.
 2. Garland Ashton Rodgers, b. Dec. 12, 1895; d. June 13, 1897.
 3. Stella Rodgers, m. - - - Montano; d. April 14, 1952; no children.
 4. Joseph Dudley Rodgers.
- D. Jason Everett "Ev" Gardner, b. March 14, 1871; d. April 14, 1957; farmer and rancher; lived most of his adult life in western Oklahoma; m. 1. May Lowry, 2. Rosa Luttrell, and 3. Mary Frances "Willie" (High-Davis) Ford (no children by second and third marriages). Everett and May (Lowry) Gardner had five children, all born at Texahoma, Texas County, Oklahoma, except the twins, who were born in Phoenix, Maricopa County, Arizona:

1. Lorene May Gardner, b. Feb. 2, 1906; m. Roy C. Bishop (b. May 19, 1905).
 2. Jason Everett Gardner, Jr., b. March 31, 1911; m. Nola Walker Byrne (b. Oct. 22, 1918); no children.
 3. Sadie Gardner (twin), b. June 11, 1914; m. Fraser Lee Blanton (b. March 12, 1914).
 4. Madie Gardner (twin), b. June 11, 1914; m. James Elmer Shaffer (b. Nov. 19, 1917); lives at Guymon, Oklahoma.
 5. Cap Gardner, b. July 23, 1919; m. Wanda Lou Aylor (b. Sept. 4, 1924).
- E. Dudley Daniel "Dud" Gardner, b. July 31, 1873; ^{d. Nov. 15, 1967;} served in the U. S. Army in the Filipino Insurrection phase of the Spanish-American War; farmer and rural mail carrier; lived at Hamburg, Arkansas; m. March 15, 1904, Maude Duckworth (March 13, 1882-June 10, 1962), daughter of Thomas G. and Estelle (Adams) Duckworth of Milo, Arkansas. The children of Dudley D. and Maude Gardner, all born at Hamburg, were:
1. Malcolm Everett "Mallie" or "Mac" Gardner, b. Feb. 4, 1905; m. Nancy Elizabeth Parrish (b. Oct. 18, 1913), daughter of Henry T. and Nancy Armistead (Clarke) Parrish of Goochland County and Richmond, Virginia; and they live at Tupelo, Mississippi.
 2. Caroline M. "Callie" Gardner, b. April 7, 1907; m. 1. Charles E. Haney, and 2. Edward M. Horan; lives in Northlake Village, Illinois.
 3. Estelle Elizabeth Gardner, b. July 26, 1909; m. Thomas J. Gannon; no children; lives in Chicago.
 4. Helen Louise Gardner, b. Nov. 4, 1914; m. Francis Morris Minnick; no children; lives in Evanston, Illinois.
 5. Dudley Daniel Gardner, Jr., b. Feb. 29, 1916; veteran of World War II, and now Chief Master Sergeant, U. S. Air Force; m. Carlise Boykin (b. Nov. 9, 1920), daughter of Travis D. and Blanche (Story) Boykin of Buffalo, Texas.
 6. Mary Imodene Gardner, b. May 6, 1920; m. Taliaferro Bryan Kelly (b. Jan. 31, 1920, in Asheville, N. C.), son of T. B. and Bertha (Cashwell) Kelly; lives in Corpus Cristi, Texas.
- F. Frances Lillian "Fannie" Gardner, b. Feb. 8, 1875; d. Aug. 8, 1876.
- G. Mary Elizabeth "Bettye" Gardner, b. May 2, 1879; d. Sept. 17, 1958, in North Little Rock; m. Joseph Addison Sullivan; no children.

- V. Louisa Lydia Gardner, b. Feb. 24, 1829; d. March 4, 1881; m. Feb. 26, 1846, in Henry County, Alabama, John Peacock (Sept. 7, 1822-March 12, 1881); living in Ashley County in 1860 and 1870. Their children are understood to have been:
- A. Verily Peacock, b. Oct. 20, 1847, in Alabama; d. March 15, 1894; m. Dr. David Thompson.
 - B. George Washington Peacock, b. about 1848; never married.
 - C. Josephine Peacock, b. about 1850; m. Steele Adkins.
 - D. Angeline Peacock, b. about 1852 in Alabama; d. Nov. 2, 1879; never married.
 - E. William Peacock, b. Aug. 11, 1857; in Arkansas; d. Jan. 11, 1882; never married.
 - F. Joseph Lafayette "Fate" Peacock, b. April 3, 1860; d. Oct. 4, 1935; m. Rowene Isabelle Trim; their children:
 - 1. Carl Luther Peacock, b. Nov. 8, 1895; d. June 10, 1963; m. Dessie Mae McDowell (b. Oct. 12, 1897) of Jones, Louisiana; lived in El Dorado, Union County, Arkansas.
 - 2. Clara Mae Peacock, m. Victor Ladd.
 - 3. Ruth Delmar Peacock, m. Clem Ladd of Snyder, Arkansas.
 - 4. George Washington Peacock, m. Mary Sparks; no children; lives at Dubach, Louisiana.
(d. Dec. 24, 1964, aged 57);
 - 5. John Floyd Peacock, m. Ruth Chapman, lives at Portland, Ark.
 - 6. Inez Peacock, m. Chester Hooks, lives at Crossett, Ark.
 - 7. Christine Peacock, lives at Crossett, Ark. d. 1981
 - 8. Bessie Peacock, lives at Crossett, Ark.
 - 9. Joseph Lafayette (J. L.) Peacock, Jr., m. Bobbie Williams; lives near Montrose, Ark.
 - G. Louisa Louvinia "Lou" Peacock, b. Feb. 22, 1862; d. Oct. 27, 1944; m. Robert Emmett Curtis; among their children were:
 - 1. David Curtis.
 - 2. Forrest M. Curtis, lives in West Monroe, Louisiana.

- H. Lively Laura Peacock, b. about 1865; m. William Mellard; their children:
1. Emma Mellard, m. - - Shaw; lives at Crossett, Ark.
 2. Walter Mellard, lives in Houston, Texas.
 3. Pearl Mellard, m. Sam Cathey; lives at Camden, Ark.
- I. Mary "Molly" Peacock, b. about 1866; m. William Brantley.
- VI. Sarah Elizabeth "Sallie" Gardner, b. Nov. 20, 1830; d. Feb. 28, 1911, in Ashley County; never married.
- VII. Lewis W. Gardner, b. Jan. 27, 1832; said to have died in Alabama in the early 1850's, unmarried.
- VIII. Nancy Phillips Gardner, b. Feb. 19, 1834; d. Feb. 2, 1905; m. in Ashley County Oct. 23, 1859 E.L. "Sidney" Johnson (killed in Confederate military service); one child:
- A. Mary Bynum Johnson, b. Oct. 27, 1862; living with her mother and older step-brother near Fountain Hill in 1880.
- IX. Hannah F. Gardner, b. March 13, 1836; d. March 9, 1916; m. in Henry County, Ala., Jan. 27, 1853, George William Peacock (d. April 23, 1864, aged 35, in the Confederate Army); their children:
- A. Virginia Elizabeth "Jennie" Peacock, b. Oct. 3, 1854, in Alabama; m. William M. "Billy" Mears; their children:
 1. Thomas Edward "Eddie" Mears, b. 1877; d. Feb. 5, 1967; an attorney; m. Clarice McManaway.
 2. George Mears, b. 1879; d. 1956; m. Lottie Cochran.
 3. Florence Mears, b. 1882; d. May -, 1961; m. 1. Jack Weir, and 2. Oliver Maxey.
 4. Abbey Mears, b. 1884; m. James D. Riley; lived in Chicago.
 5. Maude Mears, b. 1887; m. Jack W. Downey; lived in California.
 - B. Amanda M. Peacock, b. April 3, 1856; in Alabama; d. April 22, 1900 in Ashley County; m. John M. Gardner (1858-1943); two children (and see his family record on p. 12).
 - C. Mary K. "Babe" Peacock, b. June 14, 1858, in Arkansas; d. Sept. 29, 1893; was first wife of William Manning Ford (May 1, 1847-June 5, 1922), son of William and Martha Ford of Ashley County. William M. and Mary K. (Peacock) Ford had six children:
 1. Charles Edward "Charlie" Ford, b. Aug. 29, 1880; d. May 14, 1957; m. Clara Vasti Malloy (b. Sept. 10, 1883; d. July 28, 1967, in Shreveport, La.); lived in Ashley County, Ark.

2. William Beverly Ford, b. in 1883; d. Dec. 24, 1903, unmarried.
 3. Frank Ford, b. Aug. 12, 1885; d. July 29, 1894.
 4. Claudie Ford, b. Feb. 20, 1888; d. Sept. 26, 1892.
 5. Virginia Elizabeth "Jennie" Ford, b. June 28, 1890; m. George Wesley Knight (b. Dec. 10, 1888, in Ashley County).
 6. Lou Annie Ford, b. Sept. 9, 1893; d. April 4, 1938; m. Thomas Bradford Rodgers (Sept. 23, 1885-April 10, 1941).
- D. Florence Peacock, d. when about 3 years old.
- E. Holston Jefferson Peacock, d. at 6 weeks.
- X. John Winder Shelly Gardner, b. Dec. 15, 1837; d. June 3, 1906, in Ashley County; served as a private in the 1st Arkansas Mounted Rifles, CSA; m. Temperance "Tempy" Hurst (March 2, 1839-Dec. 29, 1875). The eight children of John W. S. and Tempy (Hurst) Gardner, all born in Ashley County, except the oldest, were:
- A. Amanda E. Gardner, b. June 24, 1856; d. in 1911; m. George Oden; their children, order of birth uncertain:
1. John Oden, m. Minnie Hill.
 2. ^{George b. June 30, 1882; d. Aug. 20, 1964;} Luther Oden, m. Alice Bryan; lived in Ashley County.
 3. Lavinia "Venie" Oden, m. 1. George Arrington (no children by this marriage), 2. Ira Smith, and 3. John Scoggins.
 4. Hattie Oden, m. Harrison Stanley.
 5. Thomas Oden, m. - - - Stanley.
- B. John Milton Gardner, b. April 10, 1858; d. Feb. 15, 1943, in Ashley County; m. 1. Amanda M. Peacock (April 3, 1856-April 22, 1900, daughter of George W. and Hannah F. Peacock); two children:
1. Tempy Gardner.
 2. Lula Gardner, lived at Hamburg; d. Sept. 30, 1965, in Houston, Texas.
- John M. Gardner married second, Mattie Lee Allen (b. Oct. 12, 1881; daughter of Andrew Jackson "Jack" Allen and his first wife, Louisa Jane Daniel), and their children were:

1. Nettie Lazell Gardner, m. Claude Woodie; lives in Pine Bluff, Arkansas.
 2. Addie Jo Gardner, m. William "Bill" Wright; lives in Houston, Texas.
 3. John Dixie Gardner, m. Nettie Ann O'Koon; no children; lives in Houston, Texas.
 4. William Franklin Gardner, m. Marian Weitzell; lives in Kenosha, Wisconsin.
 5. Jackson Ovis "Jack" Gardner, m. Wanda Howell, lives in North Carolina.
- C. Lewis F. M. "Luke" Gardner, b. Oct. 1, 1860; d. March 25, 1893; m. 1. Lucy Cooper (no children by this marriage), 2. Susan Willis, and 3. Elizabeth Copeland. The children of Lewis and Susan (Willis) Gardner were:
1. Charles Gardner, m. Lily Stanley.
 2. Frances "Fannie" Gardner, m. David Stanley.
 3. Jesse Gardner, d. at about 8 years.
- The children of Lewis F. Gardner and his third wife, Elizabeth Copeland, were:
1. John M. Gardner (1889-1937), m. Lela B. High (b. 1896); lived in Ashley and Drew Counties, Arkansas.
 2. Luke Gardner, b. about 1888; d. May 16, 1961, in Star City, Arkansas; spent most of his life in Ashley County; m. 1. Ora Lee Chadwick, 2. Mrs. Sarah (Noble) Wheat, and 3. Mrs. Lela (High) Gardner (no children by second and third marriages).
 3. Rebecca Gardner, m. John Chavis; lives in Pine Bluff, Ark.
- D. Lively Keziah "Kit" Gardner, b. Feb. 22, 1863; m. 1. John Britton Jones, and 2. Brum Woods (no children by second marriage). The children of John B. and L. K. (Gardner) Jones were:
1. Lucy Jones, d. young.
 2. Laura Jones, m. Hugh Jennings.
 3. James S. Jones, b. Feb. 17, 1886; d. July 6, 1928; m. Ethel High; lived in Ashley County.

4. Tempy Jones, m. William Allison.
 5. Rebecca Jones, m. Ira Hansen.
 6. John B. Jones, m. Marie Harvell.
- E. Thomas Luke Gardner, b. Aug. 8, 1865; d. Oct. 11, 1867.
- F. Sarah Frances "Sallie" Gardner, b. March 21, 1868; d. Nov. 21, 1941; lived in Ashley County; m. 1. Frank Wilkes, and 2. W. A. "Pop" Wells (no children by second marriage). The children of Frank and Sallie (Gardner) Wilkes were:
1. Effie Wilkes, m. Jesse Hayden.
 2. Emmett Wilkes, m. Clio Deadman.
 3. Olivia Wilkes, m. John Barber.
- G. Rhoda Gardner, b. Oct. 15, 1870; d. Oct. 19, 1895; m. Charles Wilkes; their children:
1. Martin Wilkes, m. Minnie Stern.
 2. Nora Wilkes.
 3. Charles Wilkes, m. Helen Churchman.
- H. George Thomas Luke Miles Alexander (George T.) Gardner, b. March 24, 1873; d. Jan. 21, 1962, in Dallas, Texas; was Treasurer of Ashley County, 1918-22; m. March 26, 1893, Ida Emory Dew (Nov. 16, 1874-Sept. 21, 1951). Their children, all born in Ashley County, were:
1. Ophelia Gertrude Gardner, b. Jan. 27, 1894; m. 1. Thomas Carl Johnson, and 2. Arthur Wesley Ellis; no children; lives in Dallas, Texas.
 2. Virgie Maydelle Gardner, b. Jan. 25, 1896; d. July 21, 1899.
 3. Myrtle Ozelle Gardner, b. March 9, 1898; m. Genie D. Deal, son of Mark L. and Sarah Elizabeth (Rice) Deal; lives in El Dorado, Arkansas.
 4. William Roop "Bill" Gardner, b. Jan. 31, 1900; ^{d. Aug. , 1965, in San Antonio, Texas;} a career soldier, served in World Wars I and II; m. Nettie Lopez; no children; lives in San Antonio, Texas.
 5. Ruby Gardner, b. Aug. 5, 1902; d. March 13, 1906.

6. Lonnie Nita Gardner, b. Sept. 8, 1905; m. 1. Oscar J. Lindsey, and 2. Eugene E. Porterfield; lives in Dallas, Texas; no children.
 7. Travis Gardner, b. May 11, 1909; d. Aug. 8, 1909.
 8. Aubrey Emory Gardner, b. July 4, 1910; m. Dora Lopez; lives in Dallas, Texas.
 9. Margaret Elizabeth Gardner, b. Feb. 5, 1917; m. 1. Lloyd McCarty, and 2. Herbert E. Rushing; no children; lives at Sparks, Nevada.
- XI. Mary Hutson Gardner, b. Nov. 8, 1841; d. March 1, 1919, in Ashley County, Arkansas; never married.

Note: Through the help of many members of the family, this record of a sturdy heritage has been compiled from family Bibles; military, bounty land, and pension records in the National Archives, Washington; some marriage records and census returns for Georgia, Alabama, and Arkansas; numerous cemetery inscriptions copied by Dudley A. Gardner of Natchez; and many family recollections. Family tradition and legend are often in error, and even the old records are sometimes contradictory. Photostats and verbatim typescripts of the more important old records are on file in the Library of the Daughters of the American Revolution, Washington, in connection with DAR membership papers of Louise Gardner Minnick (Mrs. Francis M.), NSDAR No. 487834, based on the services of the elder Lewis Gardner during the Revolutionary War.

For the present, this account is arbitrarily limited to the great-grandchildren of the third Lewis Gardner (1793-1865) insofar as pertinent information is available to this compiler. It is assumed that our younger cousins, who may happen to be both curious and literate, can readily document their family connections over the past 50 years. To interested relatives the suggestion is made that they prepare subsidiary accounts of their immediate families. My thanks to all who have helped in this tabulation, particularly to Nancy who pounded the typewriter to record the "population explosion" among her in-laws.

Malcolm E. Gardner
Tupelo, Mississippi
July 10, 1963

RECORD PAGES FROM THE JASON AND LEWIS GARDNER BIBLE

BIRTHS

Lewis Gardner was born
September the 3rd. 1793

Marthan Gardner daughter of
Lewis Gardner was born November
the 19th 1820

Hannah Gardner was born Janr
the 17th 1796

Jason Franklin Gardner was born
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Eliz and nancy Gardner was born
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Thomas Binum Gardner was born
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Kisiah Gardner wife of Lewis
Gardner was born March the 15
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Sarah Elizabeth Gardner was born
November the 20th. 1830

Lewis W Gardner was born January
27th 1832

Nancy P Gardner was born the 19th
day of February 1834

Hannah F Gardner was born March
the 13th 1836

John wander Shelly Gardner was born
December 19th 1837

Mary Hutson Gardner was
borned November the
8, 1841

James Thomas Gardner
was borned July the 27
1855

Mary Binum Johnson
was borned October the
27.
1862

MARRIAGES

Hannah Peacock Daughter
of L Gardner wife
of George Peacock

Nanacy Johnson
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wife of Johnson

DEATHS

Sally Gardner wife of
Jason Gardner died April
the 26 day: 1835.

Louis Gardner Died
22 day of august
1865

Kisire Gardner
departed this
life in Aug-
ust, 1882

J. W. S. Gardner
died June the 3rd. 1906

Nancy Phillip Johnson
Died Febuary 2nd. 1905.

Tommie Gardner
Died the 5th of May 1904.

Thomas Bynn Gardner
Died Oct. the 4 1894.

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Note: This is a verbatim copy of four record pages from the family Bible of Lewis Gardner who lived in Columbia, Houston, and Randolph Counties, Georgia; Henry County, Alabama; and, finally, Ashley County, Arkansas. He was son of Jason and Sarah (Stuckey) Gardner of Columbia and Houston Counties. In addition to the births of the children of both Jason and Lewis Gardner, the record contains some data on other generations, i.e., the births of two of Lewis Gardner's grandchildren (James Thomas Gardner and Mary Bynum Johnson) and deaths of his mother and a great-grandson, John Thomas "Tommie" Gardner. A careful look at the original record, or a photo-copy, indicates that the figure "5" in some of the early entries may easily be mistaken for "3" or "9". The entries through 1837 are in the same hand. In connection with Keziah Gardner's application for a War of 1812 widow's pension, there is an affidavit of July 3, 1883, by her son, "Thomas B Gardner who on oath says that the Family Bible Published in 1827 is & has been in the possession of the family ever since he can remember. The ages - births & deaths, were entered therein by my Grand Father, Jason Gardner, with probably one or two exceptions - he lived with my Fathers Family a long time - and I saw him make some of the entries - . . . I was fifty six years old Last Feb -". The pension papers give Keziah Gardner's death as July 23, 1883, which is correct, rather than the Bible entry of August 1882. Thomas B. Gardner's gravestone gives his death as October 8, 1894. The old Bible is now in custody of Malcolm E. Gardner, Arlington, Virginia, son of Dudley D. and grandson of Thomas B. Gardner of Ashley County. Photostats and typescripts of this Bible record are in the DAR Library (NSDAR No. 487834), Washington, and the Georgia Archives, Atlanta.

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Family Record.

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EARLY DUCKWORTHS OF THE OLD PENDLETON DISTRICT, SOUTH CAROLINA

No Duckworths are listed as heads of family in South Carolina in the 1790 Census, but in 1800 three are named in the Pendleton District. Charity and Benjamin Duckworth were living next to each other in that part of Pendleton that became Anderson District (or County) in 1826, and Joseph "Duck" (Duckworth) was in the part that became Pickens. These Duckworths seem to have come into Pendleton from Anson County, North Carolina, about 1799 or early 1800. In Anson, in the 1790 Census, a Joseph Duckworth was head of a household of two males 16 and upwards, two under 16, and two females. This Joseph does not seem to have been a landowner in Anson County.

The whereabouts of Charity and Benjamin Duckworth are uncertain at the time of the 1790 Census. In 1792, however, the widow Charity Duckworth, of Anson, bought 100 acres of land in that county, and Benjamin "Duck" was a witness to the deed; in 1795 she sold this land to Benjamin Buckannon. In 1797 Benjamin Duckworth "entered" 200 acres (subsequently surveyed and patented) adjoining "Temples and Buckhannons and his own lines," and we do not know how or when Benjamin obtained title to the other land he already owned in Anson in 1797. In January 1799 and January 1800 Benjamin Duckworth sold these two tracts, 150 acres and 200 acres, to Alexander McRae, and McRay (Anson Co., N.C., Deed Books C2, p. 150; D, p. 160; F, p. 152; G, p. 24; H2, p. 4), and the Duckworth name seems then to disappear from the Anson County records still in existence.

CHARITY DUCKWORTH, 45 or over (so born before 1755), is head of family in the 1800 Census for Pendleton (p. 120); with her are two males in the 10-16 age category and two 16-26. She was still alive on 31 March 1803 when "Sister Charrrity Duckworth [was] dismissed" by letter from the Big Creek Church (WPA typescript of "Minutes of Big Creek Baptist Church, 1801-1936" in the South Caroliniana Library, U. of S.C., Columbia). We do not know when she died; she may be the older woman in Benjamin Duckworth's household in 1810 in Pendleton (p. 282).

BENJAMIN DUCKWORTH was in the Pendleton-Anderson area of S.C., 1800-1830. Correlation of his age categories in these four censuses indicates his birth as between 1765 and 1770. This fits with date of birth of Benjamin's oldest child, insofar as we presently know, Zabud Duckworth on 28 April 1792. Benjamin Duckworth's name appears frequently in the Pendleton-Anderson records in the course of his acquisition and disposal of lands. On 26 Jan. 1818 he sold 13 $\frac{1}{4}$ acres "on which Jacob Duckworth now lives" on the waters of 26 Mile Creek. Benjamin's wife Mary released her dower rights, both signing by mark (Anderson Co., S.C., Deed Book O, p. 116). We do not know if the Jacob Duckworth in this instance is Benjamin's son or still another Jacob who married Ann Welborn.

On 25 Nov. 1825 Benjamin Duckworth "of S.C." received a patent for a quarter section of land in Covington County, Miss. (T9N R15W Sec. 25, Cert. No. 698, Records of the General Land Office, National Archives, Washington). Several of his children had already moved to the Covington-Jones-Smith area

Williams ("Billy") Duckworth m. Ruth Welborn

b. ca 1783/86, N.C.

d. -1858, Ark.

b. ca 1792, S.C.

d. -1854, Ark.

Children (order of birth not certain):

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| 1. Lucinda ("Cindarella")
b.
d. ante 1857 | m. | Britton Jones |
| 2. Anna
b. 8-24-1811, S.C. | m. | John Mayfield
b. 1-17-1811 (?) |
| 3. Elizabeth
b. ca 1813, S.C.
d. -1850/57 | m. | John H. Turner |
| 4. Serena
b. ca 1815, S.C. | m. | Samuel C. Copeland |
| 5. Serapta
b. ca 1817, S.C. | m. | Richmond Simpson |
| 6. Pleasant (male), d. in youth | | |
| 7. George Washington ("Wash")
b. ca 1820, Miss.
d. | m.
m.
1-5-1860, Ark. | 1. Serena Youngblood
2. Susanna Marcus |
| 8. William Younger
b. 12-5-1825, Miss.
d. 1-29-1889, Ark. | m.
4-15-1847, Miss.
m.
11-21-1858, Ark. | 1. Savilla Jane Welborn
b. 4-13-1827, Miss.
d. 4-14-1858, Ark.
2. Nancy Virginia Welborn
b. 1-8-1839, Miss.
d. 2-6-1883, Ark. |
| 9. Sylvia, d. young | | |
| 10. Sarah
b. ca 1827, Miss.
d. 1851/52, Ark. | m. | Thomas Knight |
| 11. Ruth
b. ca 1831, Miss. | m. | Henry P. Anderson |
| 12. Joshua W.
b. ca. 1834, Miss. | m.
7-12-1857, Ark. | Arkansas Brown |
| 13. Moses A.
b. ca 1836, Miss.
d. 4-6-1862 (Lieut. in
9th Ark., CSA, killed at Shiloh) | m.
11- -1859, Ark. | Martha A. ("Mattie") Jones |
| 14. Nancy ("Annie")
b. - -1838, Miss.
d. - -1894, Ark. | m.
11-22-1852, Ark. | Thomas Knight |

Note; Some of the above data are based on recollections of two grand-children of Williams and Ruth Duckworth, but most data are from Williams' will and marriage records of Ashley County, Ark., Bible records, and census returns.

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of Mississippi when, on 15 Feb. 1834, the Leaf River Baptist Church in Covington County "received by letter from the Church at Hopewell Anderson District S.C. viz:- Benjamin Duckworth Sen^r and Mary his wife Elnathan Duckworth and Mourning his wife ..." (Duckworth notes from Minutes of the Leaf River Church, compiled by Miss. WPA, files of Dr. John F. Duckworth, Greeneville, Tenn.).

The elder Benjamin Duckworth was still alive in Covington at the time of the 1840 Census (p. 138) and seems to have died intestate later in that year. His widow Mary (Polly) seems still alive in 1850. She is not mentioned in the distribution of the estate in 1848. The old Covington court records seem lost which might have shown renunciation of her widow's interest in the estate and other details of the settlement. However, estate and other family papers from the Duckworth Collection, Barker Center, University of Texas (courtesy of Mrs. Kelly E. McAdams, Austin, Texas) name the distributees, while other sources provide supplemental details on Benjamin's children (order of birth not certain):

1. Zabud, 1792-1863; m. Mary Jane (Polly) Thompson (1803-1883); they are said to have been first cousins. By 1830 this couple was in Covington County, Miss., and still there in the Censuses of 1850 (p. 291, family 59) and 1860 (p. 1015, family 361).
2. Jacob, d. 1843 in Texas, and his share of Benjamin's estate was divided between two children: Frances E. (Duckworth) Smith (b. ca. 1819, S.C.) and Samuel H. Duckworth (b. ca. 1836, Texas). This Jacob was in Mississippi by 1826. We do not know his wife or wives.
3. Joseph, b. ca. 1802 in S.C.; m. Mary (Polly) Green. He was on the Covington tax rolls by 1827, and in adjoining Smith County in 1850 (p. 355, fam. 402) and 1860 (p. 261, fam. 180).
4. Elnathan Daniel, b. ca. 1808, S.C.; m. Mourning B. Garrison, "General Garrison's daughter." Elnathan D. in 1834 was on the tax list in Smith County, there in 1848 when he signed a settlement of his father's estate, but in Morehouse Parish, La., in 1850 (p. 778, fam. 94) and 1860 (pp. 387-88, fam. 458).
5. Robert (or Richard?) Crocker (twin), b. 20 Dec. 1811, S.C.; d. 26 March 1879 in Smith County, Miss.; m. Elizabeth Wilson (6 Dec. 1814-28 Aug. 1876) (from Wilson Duckworth family Bible, inclusive dates 1811-1929, typescript in DAR Library, Washington). By deed of 4 Nov. 1836 Robert G. Duckworth and wife Elizabeth conveyed land on the Saluda River in Anderson County, S.C. (Book X, p. 490). He thereafter appears on Smith County tax rolls, 1838-1850, as "R.C." and "Crocker" Duckworth. The compiler accepts the tradition that his little-used first name was Robert and concludes that the "Richard" in the 1850 Census in Smith (p. 356, fam. 417) is the census taker's mistake. As R.C. Duckworth he is there in 1840 (p. 233) and 1860 (p. 243, fam. 67). Much family information is in R.C. Duckworth's letter of 24 May 1868 to his nephew, Samuel Duckworth of Bastrop County, Texas (Duckworth Collection, as cited).

6. James Cooper (twin), b. 20 Dec. 1811; m. Annie (and Clary Ann) Garrison. By deed of 13 Oct. 1845 this couple sold 279 acres of land on Big Creek and Rocky River in Anderson County, S.C. (Book AA, p. 160). At Big Creek Baptist Church on 6 Aug. 1845 "came by Expierance ... Anna Duckworth and Cooper Duckworth," and on 3 Jan. 1846 "a letter of Dismission for Cooper Duckworth and wife." J.C. (and James C.) Duckworth was on Smith County, Miss., tax rolls, 1847-1850, and in Morehouse Parish, La., by 1860 (p. 390, fam.476).
7. Sarah (Sally), b. ca. 1802 in S.C.; m. Patrick C. Duckworth (b. ca. 1797, N.C., probably son of Joseph Duckworth). On 17 Sept. 1818 Patrick C. Duckworth bought from Pulaski C. Duckworth 100 acres on the west side of Little Beaverdam Creek (Anderson Co., S.C., Deed Book O, p. 343). Patrick was head of family in 1820 in Pendleton District, S.C. (p. 372), on the Jones County, Miss., tax list in 1827, and in neighboring Covington County in the Censuses of 1830 (p. 145) and 1840 (p. 139). On 4 July 1845 "Bro. P.C. Duckworth requested [from the Leaf River Church] letters of dismission for himself and Sally, his wife, and for Mary Duckworth, Sr. Letters granted." They probably moved soon afterwards to Jones County where they were in 1850 (p. 133, fam. 247), and we assume Mary, Sr. (and Polly Duckworth, aged 79, born in N.C.), in this census, to be Patrick's mother-in-law and Benjamin, Sr.'s widow. Patrick C. seems to have died between 1850 and 1860. We do not know when his wife Sally died. She may be the S. Duckworth (aged 60, born S.C.) with Benjamin C. Duckworth in Jones in 1860 (p. 4, fam. 20).
8. Charity, b. ca. 1805, or 1811; m. Zachariah Thompson, and they seem to have been in Smith County in 1848.
9. Keziah, b. 4 Jan. 1806; d. 5 May 1887; m. 18 Oct. 1821 William Speed. Keziah Speed was one of the initial group that constituted the Leaf River Church in September 1829.
10. Mary W., m. - - - Anderson. On 5 March 1831 "Brother B. Duckworth applied for a Letter of dismission for his daughter Polly Anderson which was granted" by the Big Creek Church. In 1848, when Benjamin's estate was being settled, she was a widow and living in Mississippi.

We are not entirely certain that the Joseph in the 1790 Census in Anson County, N.C., is the same JOSEPH DUCKWORTH who on 30 Aug. 1799 acquired land on Little Beaverdam in Pendleton District, S.C. (Anderson Co., S.C., Book P, p. 14), and continues in land and census records of that area through 1820. The late William B. Duckworth of Tulsa said this Joseph Duckworth's wife was Frances Ross and postulated both their births as about 1760. However, the age category of Joseph in 1800 and 1810 was 26-45 and then 45-plus in 1820 which, if correct, would indicate his birth as between 1765 and 1774. If he was old enough to have a son (Pulaski C.) said to have been born about 1790, we suggest his birth as about 1765-1770.

In the 1800 Census Joseph "Duck" was in the westerly part of Pendleton that became Pickens District, or County, before 1830. He was near neighbor to the brothers James and Aaron Welborn, and two daughters of the latter, Ann and Ruth, married Jacob Duckworth and William(s) Duckworth, respectively. No Duckworth is named head of family in Pickens in the 1830 Census.

Frankey, and Franceys, Duckworth was on the rolls of Big Creek Church in 1801, and on 2 Sept. 1820 "Francis Ducksworth" was dismissed by letter. Joseph Duckworth sold two tracts of land in Pendleton on 9 Feb. 1820, and wife Franky relinquished dower rights. Both signed by mark (Anderson Co., S.C., Book P, pp. 21-22). After 1821 their names seem to disappear from Pendleton records. We do not know if they died there or joined relatives in Missouri. W.B. Duckworth named six children of this Joseph (but there undoubtedly were others, not recalled by family tradition):

1. Pulaski Counts, b. 1791[?]; said to have m. Mary Smith (b. 1794, daughter of Jonathan Smith), and settled in Missouri. [If Pulaski "Duck" was old enough in 1811 to buy land, then he was born 1790, or earlier; in 1818 he sold land to Patrick C. Duckworth (Anderson Co., S.C., Books L, p. 139; O, p. 343), and presumably soon afterwards went to Missouri; he is not named in Pendleton in the 1820 Census.]
2. Joseph [Joseph Duckworth, Jr., and Martin D. Duckworth witnessed Joseph Duckworth's deed of 25 Dec. 1820 to P.C. Duckworth in Pendleton (Book P, p. 211). Joseph, Jr., is probably
3. Martin son of the elder Joseph, but might be son of Benjamin, Sr., and about 18 in 1820, therefore old enough to witness a legal document. Their later whereabouts are uncertain.]
4. Daniel [One Daniel Duckworth was b. ca. 1796, N.C.; wife Elizabeth, b. ca. 1800, S.C. (1850 Census, Randolph Co., Ark., p. 13, fam. 98). Daniel d. 23 Aug. 1853, and his widow applied in 1855 for bounty land on his War of 1812 service in the S.C. Militia, under Capt. Benjamin Goss and Col. William Austin (or Allston). She was Elizabeth R. Duckworth when she m. Daniel 29 Oct. 1817 in Pendleton District (War of 1812, BL Wt 195184-Rej-55, National Archives, Washington).]
5. Elizabeth, said to have m. Martin Duckworth, a cousin [and we have no further reference].
6. Mary Ann, m. Josiah Johnson; lived in Washington County, Mo.
- [7. George, probably, but which one is uncertain; see below.]
- [8. Patrick C., in all probability, as we seem unable to assign him to either Charity or Benjamin Duckworth. Patrick C. Duckworth was b. ca. 1797; m. Sarah, daughter of Benjamin Duckworth; settled in Mississippi about 1827. He was named Deacon in 1829 in the Leaf River Church and active in its affairs until 1845, about which time he moved to Jones County, Miss., where he probably died between 1850 and 1860.]

The foregoing material (some documented and some conjectural or traditional) relates to the three older Duckworths who were heads of family in Pendleton in 1800. Ten years later, in the Pendleton 1810 Census, there appear as heads of family five names of additional, and presumably younger, Duckworths: Jacob, Obed(iah), Howard, George, and William(s); their mutual relationships are presently uncertain.

The elder JACOB DUCKWORTH of Pendleton m. Ann Welborn. His descendants say he is the same Jacob Duckworth who was a Captain in N.C. Militia during the American Revolution, and the DAR has accepted this identification. His tombstone dates are 21 March 1755-11 Feb. 1842, with 1780-19 Feb. 1845 for wife Annie. However, Jacob was dead before 31 Jan. 1842, when his son Thomas applied for letters of administration on the estate (Ross Smith, Book of the Dead [Anderson Co., S.C., cemetery inscriptions], pp. 114-15; Roberta Wakefield, Miscellaneous Genealogical and Cemetery Records of Several Southern Families, pp. 93-96; Probate Judge's Office, Anderson Co., S.C., Return Book 2, pp. 26-27; Package 48, Bundle 24, Box 24, Roll 937). Correlation of age categories for this couple in the 1810-1840 Censuses indicates Jacob's birth as between 1770 and 1775, not 1755, and Annie's birth as between 1784 and 1790, not 1780. If Jacob was born in 1755, we need to know if he had been previously married; his whereabouts in 1790 and 1800, prior to his marriage, about 1802 at age 47, to Annie Welborn; and why he did not apply for pension under the Act of 1832. (If Miss Wakefield noted any of these discrepancies, she did not explain them.) Administration on Jacob's estate in 1846 (as above cited) indicates nine children, all living (and the five sons are in Anderson County in the 1850 Census):

1. Welborn, b. 1803 (or ca. 1810, by the Census); m. Mary Little.
2. Elizabeth, b. ca. 1805; m. Joseph Rogers.
3. Thomas, b. ca. 1807; m. Sarah Matilda Guyton.
4. Hester, b. 7 June 1811; d. 18 Sept. 1884; m. Benjamin T. Rogers.
5. Ruth, b. 17 July 1812; d. 10 Dec. 1886; m. Abram (or Abraham) Martin (14 May 1804-7 Dec. 1875).
6. Annie, b. 14 May 1815; d. 4 Oct. 1873; m. Chesley Martin (1 Oct. 1812-12 Sept. 1877).
7. Jacob, b. ca. 1817; m. Elizabeth Dacus; one account named Mary Prather as his second wife, which may refer to the widow Mary A. Smith, who married a Jacob J. Duckworth in 1858 (Anderson Co., S.C., Deed Book DD, pp. 393, 585).
8. Benjamin, b. 1821 (from tombstone, but aged 26 in 1850 Census); never married; d. 12 July 1862 in military service, CSA.
9. William Russell, d. 16 March 1888, aged 67 (from tombstone, but 23 in 1850 Census); m. 20 Jan. 1848 Frances E. Breazeale.

OBADIAH DUCKWORTH, b. ca. 1780, and wife Sophia (probably Sophronia), b. ca. 1786, both in Va. (so the census taker said), were in the western division of Carroll Parish, La., in 1850 (p. 28A, fam. 143), and with them were Thompson, aged 26, and John B., 23; both born in Miss. Obadiah was head of family in Pendleton in 1810 (p. 278). In 1811 he sold land on 26 Mile Creek, and wife Sophiary (in body of deed, but signed Sophiray by mark) released her dower rights; this was part of a tract of 130 acres he had bought, but deed not recorded until January 1807 (Anderson Co., S.C., Books H, p. 415; L, p. 230; M, p. 137). We do not know where Obadiah was in 1820, but by 1824 he was on Covington tax rolls. Sophia was one of the charter members in 1829 of the Leaf River Church and received a letter of dismissal on 16 Feb. 1838.

HOWARD DUCKWORTH, b. ca. 1783 in S.C. (sic, according to the 1850 Census in Anderson Co., S.C., p. 725, fam. 1062); m. (1) in Pendleton 5 July 1808 Desy (Eurydice?) Forsythe (S.C. Magazine of History and Genealogy, v. 47, p. 111). She was still alive 4 Dec. 1840 when Howard sold land to William W. Rogers on Watermelon Creek of Rocky River, wife Decy released dower rights, and William I. Duckworth was a witness (Anderson Co., S.C., Book X, p. 13). A marriage agreement between Howard Duckworth and Ann Cooley, widow of John Cooley, to keep property separate, is dated 14 April 1846 (Book Z, p. 103). This later marriage seems to have encountered difficulties, as Ann and Howard Duckworth, both still in Anderson, were living apart in 1850, Howard with a daughter and son in law (p. 643, fam. 483; p. 725, fam. 1062). Among Howard Duckworth's children, not all documented, are said to have been:

1. George [and he should not be confused with two older George Duckworths of the Pendleton connection].
2. Jeptha.
3. Matilda, m. William W. Rogers.
4. Sarah, m. John Rogers [and with Sarah in 1850 were her father Howard Duckworth and brother William J. (or Q.) Duckworth].
5. William, b. ca. 1824; student in 1850 (p. 725, fam. 1062).

One GEORGE DUCKWORTH was old enough on 16 Sept. 1806 to marry Mary Blocker in Pendleton District, and probably the George who was head of family there in 1810, and then in the 26-45 age group (p. 260). During the War of 1812 George Duckworth served in Capt. Jacob Reed's company of S.C. Militia. He died in 1816 near Mobile. In 1850 the widow, then 63, applied from Tuscaloosa Co., Alabama, for bounty land (War of 1812, compiled service records and BL Application 73946, National Archives, Washington). We do not know if this widow was the Mary Duckworth who was head of family in Pendleton in 1820 (p. 412). A different George Duckworth, in all probability one of the Pendleton tribe, was head of family in Covington County, Miss., in 1820 (p. 5). We do not know his later whereabouts or names of his children. It appears that Charity and Joseph each had a son George. In the Lower South, in Hinds Co., Miss., a George Duckworth m. Sarah Compton 27 Nov. 1823; in Mobile Co., Ala., a George Duckworth m. Mary K. Patrick on 6 May 1829; in Tuscaloosa Co., Ala., George W. Duckworth m. Eleanor Norwood on 4 Dec. 1834.

WILLIAMS (and William) DUCKWORTH, b. N.C. ca. 1786, according to the 1850 Census, Jones Co., Miss. (p. 121, fam. 92), but on his tombstone in Mill Creek Township, Ashley Co., Ark., is "1783-1858." He m. Ruth Welborn (ca. 1792-1854, daughter of Aaron Welborn of Pendleton) and was head of family in 1810 in Pendleton (p. 260). He was in Mississippi by 5 Dec. 1818 when "Williams Duckworth of Pearl River" bought Henry J. Fulgham's entry rights to 161 acres on Leaf River in the area that became Covington County in 1819. He paid this out in April 1825, and his patent was dated 15 Nov. 1825. (T9N R14W Sec. 4, Cert. No. 1166, General Land Office Records, National Archives) On 8 Nov. 1819 Williams Duckworth was named Constable of newly formed Covington Co., Miss. ("Register, County Officers, 1818-1824," p. 71, Mississippi Archives) William(s) Duckworth continued in the Covington tax lists 1819-1846 and in that county's census returns 1820-1840. He and wife Ruth were charter members of the Leaf River Church in 1829 and withdrew by letter in March 1838, after which they seem to have belonged to the Clear Creek Church. With some of their children, Williams and Ruth Duckworth moved in 1851 to Ashley Co., Ark. His will there, 29 July 1857, named nine living children and three others who had died leaving children. (Will Book 1, pp. 280-82, Ashley County Abstract Company, Hamburg, Ark.) A fragment of family tradition called Williams and Obadiah Duckworth brothers.

Above are reviewed data relating to eight Duckworths named in Pendleton 1800-1810 Censuses. A traditionary account of early Duckworths in this area adds to that list the names of WILEY DUCKWORTH and CROCKETT DUCKWORTH (as brothers of Jacob). The former is probably the Wiley J. Duckworth who witnessed Joseph Duckworth's deed to Humphrey Rodgers, 29 Dec. 1815, and held land joining the deeded tract (Anderson Co., S.C., Book O, p. 368). In Hardin Co., Tenn., a "Willie T." Duckworth was head of family in the 1820 Census (p. 168), but "W.J." in 1830 (p. 398) and "Willie J." Duckworth in 1850 (p. 269A, fam. 86), b. N.C. ca. 1788 and Constable of Hardin County's Third District. The compiler knows of no early record that seems identifiable with Crockett Duckworth, presumably an adult before 1800. Tradition assigns him a wife Blanche (maiden surname unknown) and a daughter Elizabeth, b. 1798, said to have m. William Thomas Martin (1798-1862), son of Thomas and Hester (Rountree) Martin. Another account gives Crockett an additional daughter - Hester, with no information of her dates or a husband to help in not confusing her with other Hester Duckworths.

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Comment: As the two younger of the four youths in Charity Duckworth's household in 1800 were in the 10-16 age group, we assume her husband's death as between 1785 and 1790. The elder Joseph Duckworth of Pendleton could be Charity's brother-in-law, step-son, or older son. In all probability, Benjamin is her son; they were landowners in the same area in Anson County, later they lived next to each other in Pendleton, and Charity was a favored name among Benjamin's descendants. Some of the Duckworths discussed above could be sons or younger brothers of Joseph, or brothers of Benjamin, living with one or the other in 1800. The compiler is aware of the hazards of trusting census data on ages and birthplaces and will welcome firmer evidence, with documentation.

Malcolm E. Gardner
1201 South Scott Street
Arlington, Virginia 22204
26 January 1972

DIVISION OF BENJAMIN DUCKWORTH'S ESTATE

The State of Mississippi (Know all men by these presents, that we
 Smith County) Zabud Duckworth Joseph Duckworth E.D.
 Duckworth R.C. Duckworth James C. Duckworth Zachariah Thompson William
 Speed P.C. Duckworth and Mary W. Anderson, of the State aforesaid, Lega-
 tees and heirs at Law and Superintendants and Managers of the Estate of
 Benjamin Duckworth, late of the County of Covington and State aforesaid
 deceased, do by these presents, deliver and pay unto Jourdon Smith (in
 right of his wife Frances E. Smith) the sum of as his
 Distributive Share of the Estate of the said Benjamin Duckworth as afore-
 said deceased ___ He the said Smith in right of his wife as aforesaid being
 one of the heirs at Law of the estate of the aforesaid decedent - and the
 said Jourdon Smith - representing his interest in said estate - through
 Jacob Duckworth now deceased - the said Jacob Duckworth, being one of the
 legal heirs, to the estate aforesaid - as acknowledged by us ___ and we the
 aforesaid legatees and heirs at Law to said estate and whose names are here-
 unto Subscribed - being apprised - that there is yet - one heir to the afore-
 said estate to wit of the County of and State of Texas,
 that has not as yet received his distributive Share of said estate, and he
 the aforesaid being one of the heirs of the said Jacob Duckworth,
 deceased, as aforesaid and Representing his interest in the estate of the said
 Benjamin Duckworth ___ And in view of all these facts we have reserved to
 ourselves - for the Benefit of the said of the County of
 and State of Texas as aforesaid (and he being one of the legal heirs to the
 Estate of the said Benjamin Duckworth Deceased - as we are informed) the sum
 of as his distributive share of the aforesaid estate -
 which amount for the safe keeping and management - for the Benefit of the said
 we have placed in the hands of to be forthcoming
 and delivered to the said whenever he or his Legal Representative
 shall demand said sum of

In Testimony whereof we have hereunto set our seals and signed our names -
 as appears on the foregoing page ___

Legatees and ((Seal)
heirs at Law)	(Seal)
of the Estate ((Seal)
of Benjamin)	(Seal)
Duckworth of ((Seal)
the County of)	(Seal)
Covington & ((Seal)
State of Miss)	(Seal)
Deceased ((Seal)

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State of Mississippi (Smyth County) Memorandum of Settlement between Jordon Smyth
 Frances E Smith being the acknowleged heirs of Jacob Duckworth Decd Texas
 and the undersigned being the heirs of Benjamin Duckworth Decd Miss.
 We acknowlege the above named Frances E Smyth to be an heir & to be en-
 titled to half the amount Jacob Duckworth Decd was entitled to which we

find to be about thirteen hundred and seventy dollars that is to say we have paid said Smyth six hundred and Eighty five dollars in testimony whereof we Set our hands this 29th day of Aug 1848

Zachariah Thompson
Elnathan D. Duckworth
Joseph Duckworth
R C Duckworth
J.C. Duckworth

The State of Mississippi (Personally came before me J.G. Blackwell
Smith County) Clerk of the Probate Court in and for the
County and State aforesaid Joseph Duckworth whose name is subscribed to
the foregoing instrument of writing - who acknowledged - that he signed
sealed, and delivered the same on the day and year therein Specified and
for the purposes therein Contained, as his act, and deed -

Given under my hand and Seal of office annexed the
2nd day of September A D 1848

J.G. Blackwell Clerk
Probate Court Smith County
Miss.

The State of Mississippi (Personally Came before me James W. Anderson
Smith County) an acting Justice of the Peace in and for
said County & State Joseph Duckworth who Solemnly Swears that he saw those
whose names are subscribed to the foregoing instrument of writing - sign
the same - according to their names - as thereunto Subscribed and that they
did the same for the purposes therein contained

Given under my hand and seal the 2nd day of September A.D. 1848

And Sworn to and Subscribed the same day & date (
James W Anderson Justice of the Peace of) Joseph Duckworth
Smith County Miss. (

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Note: The above verbatim typescripts are from photoprints of family papers in the Duckworth Collection, Barker Center, University of Texas, courtesy of Mrs. Kelly E. McAdams, Austin, Texas.

The first paper, not dated or signed, seems to have been a draft or model for the guidance of Jacob Duckworth's heirs in Texas, Frances E. (Duckworth) Smith and Samuel H. Duckworth, in obtaining their share of the estate of Benjamin Duckworth of Covington County, Miss. The signed and executed Memorandum of Settlement, 29 Aug. 1848, from Smith County, Miss., seems to include only Benjamin's five heirs who were residents of that county. We assume that four other heirs, indicated as residents of Mississippi, were then living in nearby counties - likely Covington and Jones.

According to family tradition, the elder Benjamin Duckworth died while on a business trip to Mobile in 1840 (apparently after the taking of that year's census) and was buried at Moss Point, Miss. Jacob Duckworth of Texas was dead before 4 Dec. 1843 when the Probate Court of Harris County, Republic of Texas, summoned his administratrix, Frances E. Duckworth, to file a complete inventory and to give bond "Double the value of the property."

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DUCKWORTHS IN ANDERSON COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA: CENSUS OF 1850

(page 643, family 483)

John Gambrell	67	M	Farmer	\$4000	S.C.
Mary "	67	F			"
Ann Duckworth	41	F			"
Frances Cooley	9	F			"

(p. 682, family 729)

Benjamin Duckworth	26	M	Farmer	800	S.C.
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(p. 689, family 810)

Jacob Duckworth	32	M	Farmer	1500	S.C.
Elizabeth "	21	F			"
Mary E "	6	F			"
Julia "	4	F			"
Amanda "	3	F			"
William W "	3/12	M			"

(p. 705, family 922)

William Duckworth	23	M	Farmer	900	S.C.
Frances "	19	F			"
John G "	2	M			"
Jacob C "	5/12	M			"
John Briant	15	M			"

(pp. 706-7, family 931)

Thomas Duckworth	43	M	Farmer	3000	S.C.
Sarah M "	49	F			"
Margaret A "	14	F			"
Ludlow N C "	13	M			"
Aaron A "	12	M			"
Jacob W "	10	M			"
Mary E "	8	F			"
Benjamin W "	4	M			"

(pp. 714-15, family 987)

Willborn Duckworth	40	M	Farmer	2500	S.C.
Mary "	35	F			"
Benjamin L "	17	M	Student		"
Jacob "	14	M			"
Rebecca "	12	F			"
Clarisa "	10	F			"
Thomas "	8	M			"
William C "	7	M			"
Willborn C "	3	M			"
Mary E "	2/12	F			"

(p. 725, family 1057)

Mary Rodgers	50	F		1000	S.C.
Matilda W Duckworth	8	F			"

(p. 725, family 1062)

John Rodgers	47	M	Farmer	2000	S.C.
Sarah "	32	F			"
Howard "	12	M			"
Nancy "	9	F			"
Elizabeth "	5	F			"
Washington "	1	M			"
Howard Duckworth	67	M	Farmer		S.C. [sic]
William J [or Q] "	26	M	Student	600	"

LETTER: R.C. DUCKWORTH TO SAMUEL DUCKWORTH, 1868

Jasper county Miss. 24th May 1868
Saml. Duckworth
Youngs Settlement Bastrop
Texas.

Dear Nephew: Your letter of enquiry is to hand and contents perused we have often thought and spoke of You and other relatives since the war. My family is in pretty good health. We had sore afflictions during and since the war. we lost two sons during the war Robert & Cooper. Robert Died at Vicksburg during the Siege. Cooper was Killed at Missionary Ridge, Ga. Ben. passed through without injury has married the second time has two children both Boys. we also lost two sons in law John McKenzie who married Susan, was captured at Nashville Tenn. and we can never hear directly from him by any of his friends Hugh McKenzie married Sarah Margaret, and Died in Dec. after the Surrender, leaving Both the girls widows and the children on my hands there was property enough to have supported them handsomely if they could have retained it. Martha Ann married another Brother Duncan McKenzie and is living near us. Lizze the youngest Daughter is also married leaving our family with but two children both boys Wilson & Joseph. Charrity Johnson is Dead. She Died a short time after being delivered. John Thompson is Dead. Your uncle Kennedy and aunt Polly is Both living near Taylorville. Hannah is married to W.T. Ward, and living in Smith county. Susan Thompson married M. Turner. Your uncle Zabird is dead, and all the Boys except Joseph, Benjamin Danl, Branson & Zabird all Died During the war. your uncle Joes Son Ben. is Still living, has a family and doing well Your uncle Jo & Aunt [Polly] is Doing well David Anderson was Killed in Battle. Norval Duckworth your Aunt Sally Son was Killed at Vicksburg Sloan Died at Pensacola Fla. Your Aunt Sally is Still living and married again. There is three of Charrity Johnson's children in Johnson county Texas. Patrick the oldest Son is single. [illegible] married Powell. Francis married John Mayfield they are all living near each other, and no doubt would be happy to hear from you. the war was certainly a curse on the American people it has from accounts impoverished the North as well as the South and not any benefit to the Freed ones as they are in this region Some of them almost Starving and Still will not work to do much good.

Give our love to your Sister Betsy [Frances Elizabeth (Duckworth) Smith] and accept a portion to your Self also Mr. [Jordan] Smith.

as ever your uncle, R C Duckworth

Joe. B. Blackwell is practising law Still has his lame arm but of no use to him. write me again Soon.

Direct To R.C. Duckworth
Taylorville Smith co Miss

Comment: The original of this letter is in the Duckworth Collection, Barker Center, University of Texas, photocopy by courtesy of Mrs. Kelly E. McAdams, Austin, Texas. The writer, R.C. Duckworth, 20 Dec. 1811-26 March 1879, often called by his middle name Crocker, is on incomplete tax rolls for Smith County, Miss., 1838-1850, as both Crocker and R.C. Duckworth; in the 1840 Census for Smith as R.C.; in the 1850 Census as "Richard" (sic); and R.C. again in 1860. Family tradition is that R.C. Duckworth's first name was Robert. This seems confirmed by Robert C. Duckworth's sale on 4 Nov. 1836 of 260 acres on the Saluda River in Anderson County, S.C., and wife Elizabeth relinquished dower rights. We conclude that the 1850 census taker for Smith County, in entering the given name as "Richard", simply made a mistake.

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